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Police launch breath-test crackdown

Automatic checks for all drivers

JASON BENNETTO Crime Correspondent

The police are ready to launch a new clampdown on drinkdriving following fears that a hard core of motorists is continuing to go on the road while over the limit.

Under new police proposals every motorist involved in a road accident, however minor, would undergo a compulsory breath test. The compulsory drink-driving initiative is expected to he given the go-ahead today at the Chief Constables' Council, the main ratifying body of the Association

of Chief Police Officers (Acpo). Under the proposals any driver involved in a road accident at which a police officer attends or is asked to investigate will be breathalysed. Since 1992 all drivers in Britain are automatically breathalysed after acci-dents in which someone is miured. However, when no one is hurt it is up to the police officer's discretion whether drivers should be tested.

Police chiefs are concerned that the anti drink-driving campaign has stalled. In 1994, 678,500 people took breath tests in England and Wales - 13 per cent more than the previous year. There were 93,300 fused tests - up by about 4,000

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Studies have identified that middle-aged men are particularly resistant to anti drinkdrive campaigns. A study in 1994 also found that 93 per cent of motorists convicted of drinking and driving had at least two offences, suggesting that the problem is confined to a small

group of people. The percentage of people found positive when tested has dramatically declined since 1984, when 42 per cent were found over the limit, but in re-

cent years the decline has slowed. In 1990, it was 17 per cent, this dropped 1 per cent in 1991, rose to 17 per cent in 1992, dropped to 15 per cent the following year and reached 14 per cent in 1994.

David Williams, Chief Constable of Surrey and chairman of Acpo's Traffic Committee, is expected to say in a report at today's meeting. "There's concern that the downward trend in



drink-driving has reached aplateau and there's a need to get the hard core who are ignoring the message."

One way of doing this, Mr Williams, is expected to suggest volved in a road accident will be breath-tested whether or not alcohol is suspected. At present a police officer can force a person to take a breath-test if there is reasonable cause to suspect that the person has been driving or attempting to drive with alcohol in their body, that he or she has committed a driving offence, or that they have been involved in an accident.

Some forces already test for alcohol after almost every accident, but others only use a breathalyser when someone has been hurt. Several forces are known to be unhappy about having compulsory tests because of the extra costs.

Helen Peggs, of Victim Sup-port, said yesterday that the group had long campaigned for compulsory testing in cases involving death or injury. "There's a strong feeling among bereaved families that many causes of road accidents are not adequately dealt with in court. Additional testing would also deter drink-driving," she said. In a separate development,

the police are also considering lowering the standard used to match fingerprints found at a crime scene with those of a suspect. A report for police chiefs has concluded that the current system, in which there must be 16 identical features between the prints, is arbitrary and allows many criminals to escape pros-

Instead they will be asked to consider replacing it with a similar system to the one used in Australia, in which the prosecution relies upon a qualified expert to determine whether two sets of prints match. This may be based on less than 16 identical features. Experts compare the unique joins and ridges of a person's finger print.

A Home Office spokeswoman said: "The 16-point systhe police are entitled to change their working practice." Duncan Lustig-Prean, deputy director of Liberty, the civil

rights group, yesterday ex-pressed grave concern about any change in which the standard of proof might be lowered. He said: "If the scientific standards are lowered and the opinion of a so called expert is relied more upon this could lead to mistakes. The current 16-point system is considered fool-proof, it the quality of this is lowered the defence must be given a chance to challenge expert evidence."

Olveston, Montserrat, where volcanic ash shot five miles high over the island on Monday night just days after the 9,000 residents were evacuated

to government shelters and private homes at the northern end of the 33-square-mile British colony. The Soufriere Hills volcano, which had been vir-

ing a mbdure of ash and hot gaseous rock. Britain is sending two top seismologists to the Caribbean

Labour attacks Ulster policy

DONALD MACINTYRE Political Editor

ment's policy on Ulster, when Marjorie Mowlam, the party's months. Northern Ireland spokesperson, said it had made an "error of judgement" by not making public its detailed proposals for an elected peace forum and the ground rules for subsequent all party talks.

The criticism came as it launched an initiative designed to keep the peace process on track. Dr Mowlam called on the Government to make its plans public immediately, amid nationalist fears that the single seat majority it faces after tomor-

Dr Mowlam said that she was against any attempt to "enhance the role of" the 110 member forum from which negotiators will be chosen. While John Major has explicitly promised that the forum will in no way turn into a Stormontstyle assembly, there are fears within the nationalist community that what will be inevitably be the unionist-dominated forum could be given excessive influence over the progress of allparty talks.

Tories to make concessions to tailed proposals to allay such separate from the negotiations and make no contribution to the negotiations unless specifically asked to do so by the negotiators themselves".

The initiative is significant because the Government is counting on Labour support when it brings forward the legislation for the Northern Ireland elections planned for 30 May-. Labour is not threatening to withhold its support for the Bill, but wants its views taken

into account before the legislation comes forward. Dr Mowlam, who also re-

Dr Mowlatn is pressing the leased for the first time detailed hy-election could force the Government to publish its de- questions about the process Belfast, Such a body would not which she put to sir Patrick May-Labour last night made its first the Ulster Unionists who will in- fears and she warned last night hew, the Northern Ireland Sec-"Bipartisanship is more crucial than ever. With the Government on a knife-edge we must continue to put the peace

> In a separate move, Dr Mowlam is proposing a new independent body to examine the case - and possible routes - for further marches in Northern Ireland in the wake of Monday's stand-off between

process above party politics."

have stautory force but would marches planned between now and the summer - when all-party talks are expected. However, the RUC is pinning

its hopes for a peaceful marching season on year-long, grassroots talks between nationalist and loyalist communities.

As police and politicians appealed for calm following Monday night's riots in Belfast, TURN TO PAGE 2

Mortgage rate cut to lowest for 31 years

NIC CICUTTI and DIANE COYLE

Nationwide, the UK's secondlargest huilding society, yesterday fired a further round in the mortgage price war by slashing the cost of its home loans to 6.74 per cent, the lowest rate since January 1965

The reduction was immediately matched by Yorkshire Building Society, making the two societies the cheapest high street lenders in the market. Nationwide and Yorkshire

said the new rate, 0.25 per cent lower than before, would apply to both new and existing borrowers from 1 May. It hrings down the monthly cost of a £60,000 endowment mortgage by almost £24.

Savings rates will also be cut hy the same amount, hut

IN BRIEF

Galloping success
The BSE scare meant that trade

was booming yesterday at one

of the first horse-meat shops to

open in Britain since the Sec-

ond World War. Page 3

High cost of shyness

Impotent men are paying £1,000 for treatment available for lit-

tle or no cost on the NHS, be-

cause they are too embarrassed

to see their GPs.

Today's weather

Sunshine and showers in most

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Nationwide insisted its rates

would remain competitive. Nationwide's and Yorkshire's initiative is part of a growing division between societies which are determined to remain mutual, while most of their rivals have announced plans to float on the stockmarket.

Brian Davies, Nationwide's chief executive, said: "Our latest move ensures that both our savers and borrowers will continue to have a real competitive advantage, demonstrating, once again, that you really are better off with a building society." Despite the Nationwide's

announcement, the Chancellor, Kenneth Clarke, was yesterday urged by the Treasury's panel of independent forecasters, the six "wise persons", to be cautious about further reductions in the cost of borrowing.

The last time rates were this low...

■ The average house cost £3,820, and the average weekly wage was around £16.

■ The Rolling Stones had three No 1 singles while Roger Moore and Patrick McGoohan were the highest paid British actors on £2,000 a week. I lan Brady and Myra Hindley were charged with

murder, and the death penalty was abolished A two-week package holiday to the Costa del Sol would cost from £66 and to Greece from £93. ■ British Rail published plans to cut the rail ser-

Although they welcomed recent base rate cuts, two said there was a case for increasing them, if the Government was serious about its inflation target. Another three thought the next move in rates would not

vice in half, following the Beeching Report. Only one urged a reduction. Some City analysts argued

the Chancellor could squeeze m another quarter-point cut to 5.75 per cent at the meeting between Mr Clarke and Eddie George, Governor of the Bank necessarily be downwards. of England, due on 8 May.

Most major lenders said yesterday they did not intend to cut their rates, which currently stand at about 7.25 per cent, at least £47 more a month on a £60,000 endowment mortgage than Nationwide.

Abbey National said: "We bave no intention to move. We have already responded to the [official] base rate cut [to 6 per cent] when it was made last month.

Halifax, Woolwich, Barclays Bank and Alliance & Leicester also said they had no plans at present to follow suit.

Cheltenham & Gloucester, which was taken over by Lloyds Bank last year, will not cut the cost of its home loans helow the 6.95 per cent it intends charging its 600,000 borrowers from 1 June, unless other major lenders do so first.

Nationwide's decision was hailed by experts as a further underpinning of the housing market's fragile recovery. Don Smith, UK economist

at HSBC Midland, said it "underlines the depth of competition there is in the mortgage market, and that can only be good for the housing market". A new survey by TSB showed

the cost of buying a home is the lowest for 18 years. A typical buyer now pays £25.70 towards a mortgage out of every £100 of take-home pay. Last summer, the amount was more than £30.

In February, Nationwide launched its first strike in the price war between the societies, when it gave its 7 million members members £200m in

annual profits.

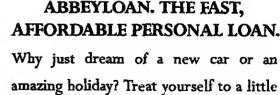
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Troops hunt 'world's worst serial killer'

HELEN WOMACK Moscow

Troops have been rushed to a small village in the Ukraine to try to foil a serial murderer who has killed 40 out of the 1,500 vil-

lagers in three months. Whole families in Bratkovichi, a hamlet near the Polish border, have been slaughtered by the killer who the authorities are now trying to stop with a division of national guards.

the Ukrainian CID, said the families. "He breaks into hous-

crime spree in history." Andrei Chikatilo, the Rostov Ripper executed in 1994, had previously held that title with 52 December.

The death toll is so high be-Alexander Yevashchenko, of cause the killer targets entire

murders were believed to be the es early in the morning, shoots of his victims and police are puz-work of one man. "It is the all the inhabitants, including the zled as to his motive. West. This lack of Glasnost was one reason why Chikatilo was worst killer the Ukraine has ever children, and then sets the seen and may be the worst house on fire," said Insp Yevashchenko.

The killer first struck on 30 December when he murdered a family of four in their beds and child victims murdered over 17 then killed a passer-by who evyears. The "Beast of Bratko-identily saw him fleeing. In his the former Soviet Union, was vichi" has only been active since latest attack he shot another family of four - a man, his wife, their daughter and the wife's disabled sister. The murderer munist-controlled press only

has not sexually assaulted any reported crime news from the Over 100 investigators are able to kill for so long around

working on the case and troops the southern Russian city of have been sent in to calm the population. In addition, street lights and telephones have been installed in the hamlet which, like most rural settlements in scarcely living in the 20th century until the killings started. In Soviet times, the Com-

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School massacre gym demolished

Work begins today on demol-ishing the school gym where 16 children and their teacher were

massacred by a gumman last month. Bereaved parents of

the Dunhlane primary school-

children, most of whom were

aged five, had the final say in de-

Exodus from pews

Congregations in Wales are dwindling by four per cent a year, according to a church survey. The number of young orshippers has fallen from 27 per cent of children to six per cent in 14 years. But Wales still has a church for every 600 people - double that found in Eng-land and Scotland.

Baby found dead

to contact his mother.

Manchester was fined £1,000 over remarks about the Pope in

Profits climbing

Hillwalking and mountaineering earn up to £110m a year for businesses in the Scottish highlands and have created nearly 4,000 new jobs, according to a report commissioned by Highlands and Islands Enterprise. More than 500,000 people took

Ex-editor dies

with two daughters.

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'Street' cruises for fall over video's brief honeymoon

MARIANNE MACDONALD Media Correspondent

The makers of the ITV soap opera Coronation Street could face heavy fines for showing the honeymoon of two of its biggest stars on television - after promoting it as exclusively for sale

The Independent Television Commission has launched an investigation after it received complaints from 70 viewers about Granada's decision to screen the 75-minute special on

the honeymoon of characters Raquel and Curiy on ITV after it had promoted it as exclusive to video for £13.99. Granada has also received letters from several hundreds of viewers at its Manchester studios demanding an explanation.

Some 750,000 people bought Coronation Street - the Cruise on video, making Granada an es-timated £10m. But many say they only did so because they were led to believe it would never be shown on television.

after it went on sale in Decemher a shortened version was shown on ITV on 24 March. More than 16 million view-

ers watched Raquel and Curly's antics as they joined a luxury cruise only to discover that they had no tickets and could not even share a hedroom.

Three other Coronation Street stars also featured in the special: Alex Gilroy, Mavis Wilton and Rita Sullivan.

Yesterday an ITC spokes-woman said that following

it would be on the nation's television screens last month they had been inundated with

omplaints.
"We've had around 70 complaints from viewers who hought the video on the understanding that it was exclusive to video and then a version was shown on TV," she said. "We have asked Granada for an explanation and we are awaiting

What viewers perceive as the cruise "con" has been worsened by ITV claims that Granada had known all along it would be shown on television but cold-bloodedly gave the opposite impression to maximise profits. One source said: "This is the consequence of their drive to push up profits. They are

getting greedy."
A Granada spokesman admitted that it had always planned to put the honeymoon episode on television, and had deliberately removed the preprinted sticker saying "Only on video" after the television But he denied that buyers of the extended episode had been misled. "It's grossly misleading "The row on the 35th anto extrapolate from the Mcom-plaints the ITC claims to have received as being representative of the three quarters of a million people who bought and en-

joyed the video," be warned.
"Initially it was made available exclusively on video and we had an agreement with ITV to make a version available to them once a suitable period had elapsed. The video enabled viewers to see the honeymoon

Loonylugs candidate on wrong side of the law

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soap opera reflects Granada's increasingly commercial approach to ITV's "jewel in the Last month it announced a £10m sponsorship deal with linked to the programme and even the World of Coronation

ciding it should be pulled down.
The work will be completed well before pupils return on Monday from their Easter hol-Cadbury's for the show and it also offers lucrative studio iday. Meanwhile the Dunblane tours, books and a magazine inquiry chaired by the leading Scottish judge Lord Culten will hold a preliminary hearing in Street, in Blackpool.

niversary of Britain's best-loved

Stirling on 1 May.
This will deal with procedural ssues ahead of the full inquiry, which is likely to start in late May or early June and last about four weeks.

Police chief retires Sir Ron Hadfield, 56, is to retire in July as Chief Constable of the West Midlands. Sir Ron was appointed to the post in 1990 after the area's controversial Serious Crime Squad had been dishanded in disgrace. He quickly initiated a major re-

Children playing on wasteland hehind a community centre found the body of a newborn baby boy. Police in Dudley, West Midlands. said they believed the body of the full-term white baby boy may have been lying in undergrowth for at least 24 hours. They are anxions

Benefit strike vote Benefits Agency staff in five London offices have voted for a five-day strike from next Monday over work on the planned Joh Seekers Allowance. Some work on the JSA is expected to be carried out in Job Centres without security screens, which unions say puts staff at the risk

Phone-in offensive Piccadilly Gold radio station in a late night phone-in. The live discussion last December about sexual matters offended good taste and decency and also abused Catholic sensitivities the Radio Authority ruled.

to the Scottish hills last year one per cent of the UK's adult population.

Peter Hollinson, the former editor of Wales On Sunday, has died after a long battle with cancer. He joined the newspaper as assistant editor when the title was launched in 1989 and was appointed editor in 1991, Mr Hollinson was 50 and married

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In fact less than four months Granada's announcement that **BBC** Arabic TV closure revives censorship fears

MATHEW HORSMAN

The BBC was last night accused of a "sneering and racist attack on Islamic law and culture" as a hitter row erupted over the cancellation of the corporation's Arabic language television

The row looked certain to revive concerns about the BBC's relationships with outside hroadcasters in the developing world, which many believe lead inevitably to threats of censorship.

Orbit, owned by the Mawarid Group of Saudi Arabia, which had been providing the service to its subscribers in the Middle East, north Africa and Europe, said it had "unilaterally terminated" its contract with the BBC, following what it claimed were "many attempts to persuade the BBC to be more

The BBC stood by its statement made on Monday that both parties "had given notice of their intention" to terminate the service, and that the two were seeking an agreed settlement of "outstanding matters". These were believed to include financial arrangements.

A spokesman added last night: "The BBC does not propose to discuss the legal issues whilst negotiations are taking

ceedings are pending."
The controversial 10-year contract, worth about £10m a year to the BBC, was fully financed by Orbit, although the service was produced by the BBC out of its studios in Lon-

don, involving 250 staff. The BBC said yesterday it would endeavour to find other jobs for the employees, but conceded that would be difficult given the "specialised" skills of the staff involved.

The confidential contract, signed two years ago, gave the BBC editorial control, Orbit said, but only provided "cultural sensitivities" were observed. Orbit claimed that the BBC had promised to edit the programme prior to transmission. This it did not do," Orbit said in its statement.

The BBC said it was "satisfied that it has complied fully with all the terms of its contract, including its obligations as to local sensitivities. The BBC transmission on 4

April of a Panorama programme entitled "Death of a Principle" which was highly critical of Saudi Arabia's human rights record, led to the decision to terminate, Alexander Zilo, Orbit's president, said yesterday. - Commenting on the Panorama programme, the company said the producers had "assembled isolated incidents and

felons, to allege improprieties in the application of Islamic law. The tabloid and sensationalist representation triggered outrage in the Islamic communities of Europe, the Middle East and Northern Africa."

The BBC's arrangements with Orbit were unlike those it has established with other broadcasters, a BBC spokesman said. Generally, BBC Worldwide, the corporation's commercial arm, has packaged its news, entertainment and current affairs programming for broadcast outside the UK, in cooperation with private sector

In the case of the Arabic service, the BBC produced origi-nal programming for a single client, supplementing this with

programmes such as Panorama.
The BBC's use of outside broadcasters has already generated instances of censorship in overseas markets, critics allege. In Bahrain, last week's Panorama programme was twice scheduled to run on the state-owned main network, but was hlacked out both times and replaced by announcements that there had been tech-

nical difficulties. Star TV, controlled by media tycoon Rupert Murdoch, bowed to pressure from the Chinese government and removed the BBC World Service from its

Blair says by-election defeat Labour in may force Major to the polls **COLIN BROWN** An early general election could be forced on John Major by a Tory defeat in the Stafford-

shire South East by-election

tomorrow, the Labour leader,

Tony Blair, said last night as his

party prepared for a resound-

ing victory.

The loss of the Conservative seat would reduce Mr Major's

majority in the Commons to

one. This would make it more

difficult for the Prime Minister

to stay in office until a general

election in May next year at the

end of the Government's full

five-year term, Mr Blair told a

by-election meeting in Tam-

Mr Blair said: "A Labour win

will show their are no no-go

areas for New Labour. The

Chief Political Correspondent

The problem of under aged youngsters was highlighted in November when a 15-year-old hought a winning scratchcard. Camelot is taking Prudence Beech to court over the £10,000 her son, Clayton, from Scholar Green, Cheshire, won.

may not huy Instants for adults. The CPS decided not to take any criminal action after his

sides and attempts are being made to clarify the rules."

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against the retailer. The police will continue to deal with the more serious crimes such as fraud, theft and deception.

An ACPO spokesman said: There seems to he an assumption by the Department of National Heritage that it was up to the police to refer cases of newsagents selling tickets to under aged kids to the Crown Prosecution Service. We believe it should he up be up to local authority trading standard officers. We are currently discussing a prosecution policy."

The company wants the High Court to establish that children

mother collected his winnings. A spokeswoman for the heritage department said: "Trading standards and the police have to take forward prosecutions of retailers that sell tickets to people under aged. There seems to be some confusion from both

are expected to be made next cross-media ownership.

regime on the ownership of Monopolies & Mergers Com-

a result to approve more investments by newspapers and broadcasting companies in cross-media ownership.

dent television companies.

Previous by-election losses have been wiped out by the Tories at subsequent general elections. But both sides see the Staffordshire South East result as a key indicator.

Tories know this. They are ter-

A 61-year-old man was recovering in hospital last night being clubbed over the head with an iron bar by a 12-year-

Thief, 12, clubs man with iron bar boys, aged about 12 and 15, coming out of his garden shed. Mr Williams, who is retired, tried to catch the older boy but was hit over the head with an iron bar by the 12-year-old,

weapon in the garden, then

rified of losing this seat. If we

win here, they will not be able

They know that if we win

to dismiss defeat as mid-term

here, it will he the clearest sign

yet that we are hack as the par-

ty of the mainstream majority;

that people are not just voting

against the Government, but

voting for an opposition that is credible, realistic and can give this country the fresh start it is

One clear message emerging for Mr Major is that he should

carry out a summer reshuffle of

his Cabinet team, albeit reluc-

tantly. Conservative "focus"

group polling in Tamworth has

shown that voters regard the

Two ministers, David Curry

and David Maclean, are tipped for promotion to the Cabinet

and there has been speculation

that the party chairman, Brian Mawhinney, who has seen the polling results, wants Mr Major

to drop Virginia Bottomley, the National Heritage Secretary,

Government as "tired"

crying out for."

hlues or a profest vote.

Mr Williams suffered a severe the fact that two elderly men have died this weekend after pital. who was just 4ft 10in tall. The two boys, who had picked up the

Tony Samuelson, 66, a Daily Loonylugs Party candidate at the Staffordshire South East by-election, is arrested by

police after scuffies broke out during a visit to Tamworth by Virginia Bottomley, the Heritage Secretary. He had earlier

head injury and was taken to Barnsley District General Hos-

Sergeant Steve Boulton, of Wombwell police, said yester-day: "It's disgusting that chil-dren as young as 12 can commit these types of offences. Particularly when you hear in mind

similar attacks. This could obviously been far more serious and this young

who was campaigning in Tam- "They say that he won't last very

long after the election, that the

Left will stick the knife in his

hack if they get in office." said

also also shows that Mr Major

is highly vulnerable to the

charge of betrayal by former

voters for tax increases since

Mr Blair last night scoffed at Tory hriefing which claimed

that a defeat by 5,000 votes

would be a good result in a seat

where they are defending a majority of 7,192 following

the death of Sir David Light-

stressed the importance Labour

places on winning the seat by

cutting short a family holiday in

Spain to hold the ticket-only

meeting in Tamworth before

flying to Washington today for

a visit which will include talks

Mr Major has been spending

the Easter break in his Hunt-

with President Clinton.

The opposition leader

But the Tory sample polling

the campaign source.

worth yesterday.
The Tories believe the by-

election result could mark a

turning point in their fortunes.

Privately, they are already admitting defeat, in spite of the

upbeat remarks last week in the

seat by Kenneth Clarke, the

Chancellor. He predicted that

Jimmy James, the Tory candi-

date, would be the first recipi-ent of the "feelgood factor".

the Tories hope that the disen-

chanted voters can he won

hack. The venom has gone.

There has been a real change

of mood," said one senior

The Deputy Prime Minister,

Michael Heseltine - the fif-

teenth cahinet minister to cam-

paign for the seat - last night

appealed directly to wavering Tory voters to return to the fold.

polling, from a sample of vot-

ers in Tamworth, showed deep

scepticism and the threat of a

hacklash against Mr Blair.

The Tories also claim their

party campaign source.

But private polling has given

lad could have been facing a murder charge." hope Mr Williams yesterday.

Detectives were hoping to take a fuller statement from

Ulster calm returns

small groups of people from both sides of the divide have heen trying to avert trouble by reaching compromises over the routes and frequencies of the

With more than 2,500 parades due to take place by the end of the year, the potential for trouble is great.

However, one RUC officer said yesterday: "We are hoping that the community negotiations will reach settlements acceptable by both sides.

"Behind the scenes, and in spite of all the shouting since just two.

Monday, negotiations at local level have been taking place aimed at finding some compromises. We are not initiating these talks, hut we have been invited by the communities to at-

Last year, the nationalist Ormeau Road was one of the rontes along which tension was greatest.

lend.

However, serious violence was averted by talks hetween a nationalist residents' organisation and loyalist marchers who negotiated a reduction in the number of parades from 12 to

Move to halt lottery child ticket sales

JASON BENNETTO

Children are illegally huying lottery tickets and scratchcards without fear of being caught because of confusion over who is responsible for policing the A new investigation and

prosecution policy is heing drawn up by the Home Office,

the police, trading standards, and Camelot, the National Lottery operator, in a attempt to solve the problem. The move follows the police's refusal to use their resources on staking out shops or checking youngsters for buying tickets un-der the legal limit of 16. Any re-tailer who knowingly sells a ticket to a under-age player

faces a £5,000 fine or up to two years in jail. The Chief Constable's Council, the main ratifying body of the Association of Chief Police Officers (ACPO), is expected to agreed to a three point holding an today until a new policy can

be drawn up.
The council is likely to agree that the police will not actively attempt to catch under aged offenders but any offences that are reported to them will be passed on to Camelot who will decide what action should be taken

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The Labour front-hench trade and industry team is preparing to abandon its support for a tough regulatory newspapers and television broadcasting in favour of a freer market overseen by the

mission with tougher powers.
The commission, under Labour, would be expected as

move to sweeten

Overtures to Rupert Murdoch week by Labour with a move to a more free market approach to

The first step will come next week in the Commons with the Second Reading of the Broadcasting Bill in which the Government is proposing to stop newspaper groups with more than 20 per cent of the national market taking over indepen-

Murdoch

Labour would prefer the threshold to be 25 per cent. Se-Boh Williams, of Wombwell, nior Labour sources said last Barnsley in South Yorkshire, night that this would benefit the Mirror Group, part owners of was attacked after hearing noises in his garden on Saturday. He went outside to discover two



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Cheap cuts help horse draw in customers

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The customers were hesitant. and certainly did not wish to know the former name of their prospective dinners. But trade prospective dinners. But trade was booming yesterday at one of the first horse meat shops to open in Britain since the war.

A steady flow of shoppers stopped at Cheval Butchers in Smethwick in West Midlands yesterday, where cuts of horse meat were on sale from 20 to 80p a pound. "Can you afford

to miss it?" the sign read. Boh Walker, 47, the owner, who worked in horse slaughtering for 30 years, is delighted by the initial response. He believes the horse's day has come, in the light of cheaper prices and the beef scare.

His counter was filled with one quarter of a hunting horse. The animal, which he refused to name, was shot after it broke its leg. It weighed 1,060lb and

will provide one week's sales.

Mr Walker said: "I didn't
think it would go this well, and I was expecting to see animal rights protesters this morning, but there weren't any. If it carries on like this I'll be very

happy, The meat, which is similar to beef, but tougher and sweeter, is popular on the Continent. The cheaper cuts are popular with greyhound and pet owners, according to Mr Walker, who expects trade from them.

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But locals from around Smethwick are also keen to experiment. One nervous customer peered at the counter of dark red meat: "Ooh, I don't thusiastic. know, I just don't know," said

Laurie Cox, 65, a housewife. Mrs Cox eventually bought a pound of steak at a bargain price of 50p which she intendtry it, and if f like it I'll be back." chop thin!
Other customers who had altle piggy?

ready eaten horse meat abroad said they were not squeamish about eating an animal tradi-tionally held in such high af-fection by the British.

£3.50, which he said he would try frying. "The English attitude to horses is that they're for sitting on and playing with, but I don't like them very much," he

"I've eaten horse meat many times abroad, in France, Spain, Russia, Mongolia. I've never liked beef because of the feeding practices, but I'm not aware they're giving horses to horses."

Mr Walker is confident his meat supply will not run out. He used to charge £70 for taking dead animals to the knacker's yard. But in return for a vet's certificate that confirms the horse is fit for consumption, he will now remove it for £30 or even free, to sell the meat.

As customers continued to inspect his counter in the redrants, and one chef bought £10 worth of horse's meat yesterday.

But for most customers the higgest attraction was the low price. The Ryder family had travelled 20 miles from Nuneaton yesterday to buy a sample of horse meat.

Roh Ryder, 39, a glass fibre manufacturer, said his wife Pauline, 39, had been reluctant, but their son David, 12, was en-

Mr Ryder said: "If it moves we'll eat it. We've tried it abroad and it's a bit adventurous cooking it at home. You're either a vegetarian or you're not. How cd to slow roast. "I just want to many people eating a pork chop think about the poor lit-



Horse trading: A prospective customer at Cheval Butchers in Smethwick, West Midlands Photograph: Peter Macdiamild

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Farmers cull herds they cannot afford

ROS WYNNE-JONES and CHARLES ARTHUR

The BSE crisis is forcing some farmers to cull their own herds because they cannot afford to keep feeding older cows while the Government organises widespread destruction and

compensation programmes. Meanwhile, British attempts to lift the global ban on British beef look certain to be rejected today when European veterinary experts meet in Brussels to assess the continuing crisis.

The culling of older cows began last week, after the sale of cows and beef cattle older than 30 months for beef was out-lawed. This has left farmers who previously sold dairy cattle past milk-production as cheap beef with the cost of keeping the animals. On average, it costs £30 to feed one dairy cow for a

"I know of several dairy farmers who have been forced to have their cows shot, but it will spread across the country," said Philip Stephens, chairman of the National Farmers' Union Cornwall branch. "The Government has outlawed cow beef, but the instruments for the slaughter of these cows are not in place and there is no guarantee of compensation. What are farmers meant to do when it is costing them so much to feed them?

The cows, also known as cull were now virtually worthless, he said.

A spokesman for the NFU's South-west region said the union had not heard of farmers shooting their own herds. The regional office, in Exeter, had been receiving up to 400 calls per day, however, many from anxious dairy farmers.

Callers had been asking what to do with their herds, because they were unable to get rid of them, the spokesman said. Cull cattle had never formed a large part of a dairy farmer's incow might tip some farmers "zero", said one official.

over the edge. "No-one seems to be giving them any answers, least of all the politicians." Beef farmers with older cat-

tle have also been feeling the effects of the BSE scare. Norman Morish, a beef-farmer from Cheriton Bishop, Devon, said he had 25 prime beef cattle which would have been worth about £24,000, but now they could not be sold because they were more than 30 months old. "We do not know what is going to happen. But we have got to hold on to them and feed them, and hope some-

thing comes up at the end of the day," Mr Morish said. Meanwhile, the pressure group Friends of the Earth claimed that water supplies for Norwich might be contaminated by material leaching from the headless carcasses of 100 BSEinfected cattle buried at a landfill site. The site is roughly half a mile from the River Wensum, which is used to supply water to the city.

But Anglian Water and the Environment Agency, which is responsible for water quality, in-sisted yesterday that there is no leaching from the site. "We have horeholes which are checked at least once a month, said an Environment Agency

The EU's standing veterinary committee, which meets in Brussels today, may decide to a slight relaxation of the han on cattle, fetched about £200 be-fore the British beef scare, but

British beef by agreeing to re-move certain beef-related products, such a gelatine, from the scope of the order, according to

The meeting has been called by the European Commission, which agreed to review the terms of the ban, which it imposed on British beef and all beef-related products on March 27. However, sources in the Commission said it was far too early to consider any lifting of the order. Although Keith Mcldrum, Britain's chief veterinary officer, may call again for the end of the blockade, the come, but the loss of £200 per chances of this happening were

Impotent pay £1,000 for £9.95 cure

GLENDA COOPER

Impotent men are paying more than £1,000 for treatment that could be available for little or no cost on the National Health Service, because they are too embarrassed to see their GPs,

it was claimed yesterday. Vulnerable men — many of whom keep their erection problems from their partners are falling victim to slick salesmen from private clinics and are paying vasily inflated prices, according to a report in Health

Which? magazine.
The five London clinics investigated charged between £360 and £1,300 for treatment, with one claiming to use the most "advanced substance" to bring about a natural erection.

In fact, the substance used is alprostadil sold as Caverject, which is a standard treatment used by most clinics and costs the NHS about £9.95 per injection. Impotence treatment is avail-



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able free on the NHS but there is the price of a prescription. are relatively few NHS impotence clinics. Sufferers should get their GP to identify the cause of their problem, whether physical or psychological.

If the doctor feels it is treatable by injection, the patient should ask for an appointment with the urology department at his local hospital which will work out the desage needed and show the patient how to inject himself. After that the injection

for the price of a prescription.

The deputy editor of the Con-

However, Clive Gingell, consultant urologist at Southmead Hospital, Bristol, warned that there could be a wait of up to a year for NHS treatment. "Waiting times are such a

have been overcharged, he added, most are too emhar-

Mr Ashton said it was "ludi-

crous" that sufferers could pay

£1,300 for a treatment that

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rassed to complain.

common problem that many people choose to go private," he said. "People are aware of the sumers' Association's Health treatment options and may feel the waiting times are too long. Which?, Robert Ashton, said: This is an incredibly sensitive And not all urology departments subject and men want to keep it can provide this service ... small private. Often they will see addepartments do not have the manpower to see such patients."

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stead, the judges including hu-

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Cheesman, and restaurateur

Jeremy King plumped for more obscure "foodie" names for the

awards, to be given on 17 April. Food books shortlisted are

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River Café Cook Book, by Ruth

Rogers and Rose Gray; The

Modern Cook's Manual, by Lyn-

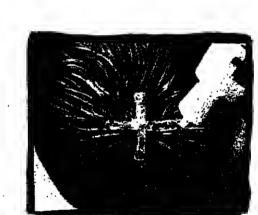
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Skier's 900ft death plunge

falling nearly 900 feet in the French Alps was a keen sportswoman who "lived life to the full", neighbours said yesterday. Nottingham-born Ceiwen Faulkner, 32, who lived in Lon-

don, was skiing off-piste at 6,800ft when the accident happened. She slipped as a guide was taking her, husband Peter and

three other skiers down a treacherous mountain path in the Meije region of the Alps. near the French resort of La

"The woman must have been a good skier because the accident happened in a very dangerous area - off-piste and high on a glacier full of crevasses." said a mountain rescue worker in La Grave.

Antoine Sullivan, who lives next door to the house in Highbury, north London, where the Faulkners have lived for about 10 years, described them as "a very friendly and happy

He added: "They were won-

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A British skier who died after sporty. They were always off on some holiday or another - skiing, scuba diving and termis." His wife, Christine, said: "They lived life to the full, a young couple with no children

- they just thought why not make the most of life?" Skiers are always advised to take a guide and not to stray off course if they wish to venture to the spot where Mrs Faulkn-

er died. The area is notorious for accidents and a rescue worker said: "Every season we have several bad accidents up there. It's inevitable. Thick snow gives way to ice and unexpected drops. Even in good weather

skiers are at great risk."
He said Monday's accident happened in ideal conditionssunny weather and plenty of SDOW.

Two mountain rescue workers took the body off the mountain by helicopter and they counselled Mr Faulkner after he had formally identified his wife. An inquiry has been opened into the accident by the French derful people, very active and authorities.

Cookery queen is out of flavour

The popular food writer Delia cookery books does not feature Smith has been snubbed by the foodie "Oscars". Neither her best-selling book Delia Smith's Winter Collection, nor the BBC television programme of the same name have been shortlisted by the prestigious Glenfiddich Awards.

The Winter Collection book broke all records, selling 1.7 million in just weeks and topping the sales charts at the end of last year. That and Delia Smith's other cookery books made her £3m in royalties last year alone. But the queen of kitchen

Della Smith: Off the menu

"But she has not been nominated this year, and that is really down to the judges, who change every year."

Education conferences: Union demands return to methods of 15 years ago to cope with disruptive children

Schools cannot cope with violent pupils'

FRAN ABRAMS **Education Correspondent**

Violent pupils should be removed from classrooms by reopening special schools which have been closed in the past 15 years, a teachers' union con-

ference was told yesterday. Disruption had escalated so far that some pupils arriving at oursery on their first day were out of control and could not be taught, the union's leader said. More than 300 special schools have closed since 1979

under a policy of increased integration. The Warnock Report on special educational needs, which was backed up by legislation in 1981, called for such pupils to be brought back into mainstream education rather than being kept apart. The National Association of

Schoolmasters Union of Women Teachers conference, in Glaow, was told the move had nlaced intolerable strain on

the union's executive, said that

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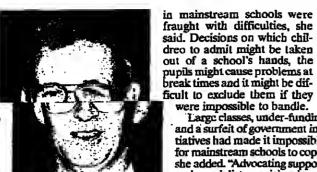
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neither teachers, the children concerned nor the other pupils

Schools did not have the resources to deal with the problems and were often unable to provide enough specialist help for children with emotional and behavioural difficulties.

Local authorities which had closed special schools, reducing their numbers from 1,600 in 1979 to less than 1,300, were of-Chris Keates, a member of ten trying to cut costs, she said. Units for disturbed children

fraught with difficulties, she said. Decisions on which childreo to admit might be taken out of a school's hands, the pupils might cause problems at break times and it might be dif-

were impossible to bandle. Large classes, under-funding and a surfeit of government initiatives had made it impossible for mainstream schools to cope, she added. "Advocating support and specialist provision is out about abandoning children. It is about recognising the very special needs these pupils have and establishing the most appropriate provision to address both oceds," she said.

Bob Ball, a delegate from Hampshire, said that his county bad recently bad a school ruled failing by inspectors. One-third of the pupils taking GCSE the previous year had been excluded from other schools in the county, "What chance did the teachers in that school stand? Those pupils should not bave

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A motion to the conference, likely to be passed today, calls for the union to oppose the con-cept of "inclusive" education.

Nigel de Gruchy, the union's general secretary, said schools could not be blamed when children who arrived for their first

day at mursery school beat up fellow pupils and refused to take any notice of their teachers. These children must be excinded. "I have to live in the real world," be said. "Schools are not social institutions, they are being forced to adopt a role they simply cannot cope with.

Teachers and pupils at a school in Bedfordshire were borrified to find live maggots falling from the classroom ceiling on to their heads, the conference was told.

Pigeons had become trapped in the roof at Ashton Middle school in Dunstable and had died there, said Ray Mellor, a secondary teacher. The incident two years ago highlighted the need for school building regulations which had been dropped by the Government, be said.



Rank and file moderates keep the militants at bay

As left-wing delegates from the National Union of Teachers' conference head home in trimaph, parents may be wondering whether a new wave of militancy is about to sweep classrooms. It is not.

The defeat of the leadership's clans for one-member onevote - designed to wrest control from the far left - will make little or no difference to the lives of pupils or the vast majority of those who leach them.

The union's leadership remains in the bands of an executive where moderates are in a majority and they have shown before how easily conference decisions can be ignored.

The fact that delegates voted against the plan to get all conference decisions ratified by the membership will make no difference. Last year, conference voted for a one-day strike over big classes. The executive simply balloted the membership which voted no to a strike by a large majority and nothing happened. It also adopted its own salaries strategy and put in a joint pay submission with oth-

Analysis er unions against the wishes of

passed this year saying that members will walk out if teachers are sacked after receiving a had report from inspectors is likely to be similar. The chance of nursery school teachers abandoning classes of three and four-year-olds is remote even if teachers do lose their jobs as a result of the voucher scheme.

Given the Government's diffi-

culties in attracting new private

operators, this one is a fardistant prospect. Delegates ran oul of time before they reached a motion urging a boycon of tests for 11year-olds to stop league tables but it would not have hap-pened. The majority of delegates are now so divorced from most of the union's ordinary members that they seem to be

moving in a fantasy world. The reason for this, as speak-

onference in the debates on union democracy, is that most teachers no longer have the time nor the inclination to turn up at the local branch meetings which pick delegates. Meetings which

used to attract dozens, bave There are three political groups on the left who joined together to defeat the more moderate executive. The executive has 23 members, 21 from the moderate broad left and 19 from the three far-left groups. There are two uncommitted members who are unlikely to back the far left. This year's president is Carole Regan, a member of the Socialist Teachers' Alliance, which includes Militant and other groups on

the left of the Labour Party. One of the speakers who opposed the changes to the unioo rules on democracy argued that if the changes were passed the conference would no longer matter. Others might say that it does not matter anyway.

McAvoy issues warning to far-left activists

JUDITH JUDD Education Editor

Far-left delegates who defeated proposals for greater union democracy may be reported to the ordinary members they repwarned yesterday.

Doug McAvoy, general sec-retary of the National Union of Teachers, warned the union's annual conference that be would press on with plans for one-member one-vote which were supported by more than 80 per cent of ordinary members in a ballot. Outside the confer ence he said that details of delegates' voting might be sent to the union's local associations.

In his speech to the Cardiff conference, he said: "I believe that our members' faith in the union will transcend the adverse publicity that this rejection has attracted. The voice of the members will be beard and they will insist that their union listens to their views."

He said the union would forfeit any influence it might have over a new Labour government or the parties' election manifestos unless they got to grips with reality. "If we appear obdurate and devoid of any wilingness to consider new idea then we will forfeit any right to influence the actions of the next government."

He argued for a new body to represent all six teachers' unions which would be created after two or more of them had greed to dissolve. Those who bad spoken against unity in conference feared that their policies would not be acceptable in a larger body. The logic of that assertion is that they are not representative of the vast majority of teachers," he said.

He attacked the Governnent, which he described as "the most unpopular in history", and which he said was trving to dismantle comprehensive education. And he defended teachers against the assertion by Chris Woodhead, the Chief Inspector of Schools, that 15.000 teachers should be sacked. 'The union does not accept that this wild claim has any foundation in fact. The truth is that teachers are not failing their pupils. It is the Government that is failing the nation, the children

and leachers." Will Reese from Coventry, a member of the Socialist Teachers' Alliance, said the debate on union democracy had been a diversion and must be put behind them. The union must unite around the policies adopt-

ed by the conference. Delegates passed a motion threatening local strikes if any teachers lose jobs or suffer worse working conditions because of the nursery voucher scheme. They fear some teachers in state nursery schools may be made redundant if the scheme leads to a big expansion Judith Judd of private nursery schools.

Police investigate cannabis club

A new club which opens today and offers prospective members the chance to taste "cannabis food" is to be investigated by the

The Cannabis Hemp Information Club (CHIC), based at "The House of Hemp" in Redchurch Street, East London, includes a museum and information ceotre.

A press releases reveals the chance for members to "view the exhibition and sample a se-

lection of cannabis foods". the food I have a Home Office Drug-runner Howard Marks. sentenced to 25 years in a US jail in 1988 for smuggling maruana and released last year, is

billed as a special guest

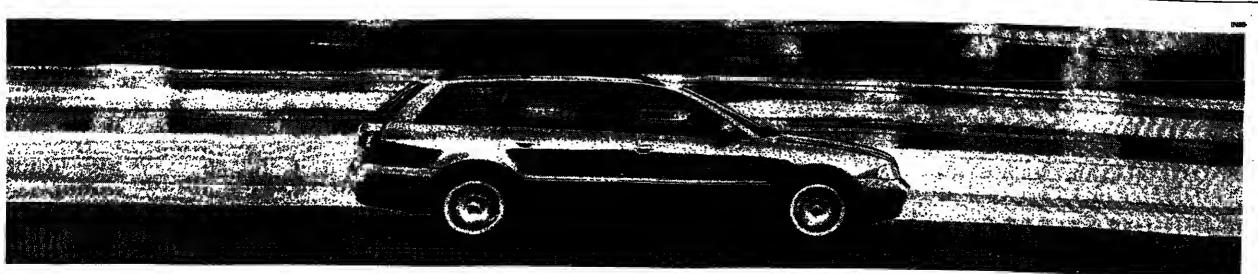
A Metropolitan Police spokesman said: "We are aware of the club and will be making further ioquiries to establish whether any criminal offence has taken place." But Rob Christopher, the CHIC director, said: "There is nothing illegal in licence to grow cannabis for the seed, which is the most nutritious food known to man.

"It does not give you a high, and for the opening we are bagels and other confectionery. No-one will be smoking joints." Mr Christopher said the aim

was to educate people about the benefits of cannabis and to dismiss the "myth" about the drug. "It can be used for clothing, in

pharmaceuticals, as an environmentally friendly fuel and in food," he added.

Mr Christopher bopes to enlist the support of prominent offering bemp cake, bemp the legalisation of cannabis. "I am organising a National Turn Yourself In Day on 14 September when everyone across the country will show how unworkable the law is by going to police stations and admitting to smoking pot."

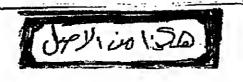


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Clinics' lines jammed over faulty HIV test

LOUISE JURY

Hospitals and clinics reopening after Easter were besieged with thousands of callers yesterday anxious to check whether they had been given the wrong HIV-test results. The wait for informatioo began on Friday with leaked news of a faulty HIV testing procedure.

Figures from the test manufacturer, Abbott Laboratories, revealed they have so far found four positive results which falsely tested oegative in more than 2.5 million tests world-wide, including one in Britain.

The Chicago-based company, which has a British office in Maidenhead, Berkshire, suspended distribution of the IMx HIV test on 25 March when the problem emerged and contacted the Department of Health four days later.

Clinics received details from Abbott Laboratories at the end of last week.

But as doctors and counsel-lors reported difficulties in reassuring many callers yesterday. there were criticisms that the Department of Health should have acted sooner. It planned to make an announcement this

A spokeswoman said: "We have been talking to people and trying to set up helplines and counselling. We hope to issue guidance to health authorities trying for a baby.

and trusts shortly and certain-ly by the middle of the week." However, discussions were not held with Aids charities. A Terrence Higgins Trust spokesman said: "It is right to co-or-

dinate a response to oews like this. But ... it does seem to have taken a very long time for a coordinated response to happen." Derek Bodell, National Aids Trust director, said the manner in which the problem emerged put an oous oo the Department

of Health to act speedily in fu-

complete review of how these announcements are handled." David Free, sexual health services manager for Guy's and St Thomas's Hospitals in London, said they realised the potential for a scare as soon as they learnt of the fault from the man-

ufacturers last Thursday. Switchhoard and casualty staff were briefed to answer queries during the weekend. Genito-urinary clinics reopened yesterday, with the first calls coming at 8am and reaching 20 an hour. A handful of pa-

tients arrived in person. Mr Free said the distress caused by the incident had been considerable. People who took a test because of sexual ahuse or rape were reliving the experience. In some instances, the alert had alarmed couples who had taken the test before

In one case, a caller who had been unfaithful some time earlier was having to face again the worries of whether to tell a partoer and children if the test proved positive.

"Because HIV is such a serious diagnosis, it's very hard to tell people they are probably all right. People want to know definitely," he said.

He feared the scare would deot public confidence in HIV tests and hoped that, in future, any news would be released to ture. "There needs to be a coincide with clinic opening

Robert Passas, scientific affairs manager for Abbott Laboratories, said they were evaluating the test and hoped to have an improved version available by oext month.

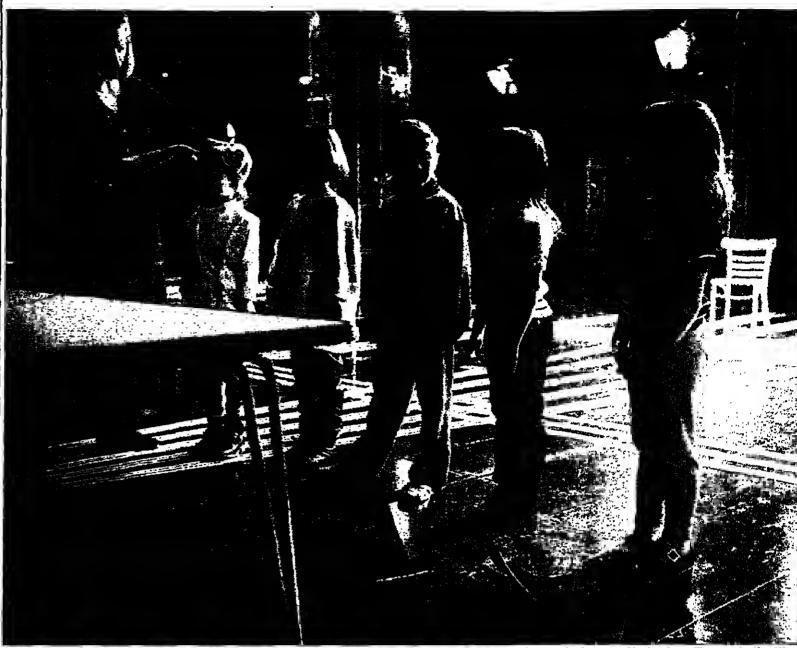
They would meet the costs of re-testing but emphasised that IMx currently detected "virtually all" HIV-positive cases.
Up to 30,000 of between

100,000 and 125,000 HIV tests carried out since Sentember are understood to have been carried out by the IMx system, which was introduced in Britain in

Beverley Priest, from Londoo Lighthouse, Europe's biggest HIV centre, said she hoped that the incident would be a public health education lesson.

"It shows there are a lot of people who thought they might

Who will be the next pinball wizard?



Stage-struck: Girls preparing to be auditioned yesterday for the part of four-year-old Tommy in the musical at the Shaftesbury Theatre in the West End of London. Six new children will replace those who have played the young star since the show opened last month

National Astronomical Meeting: Scientists surprised by brightness of 'fluorescence' emitted by Hyakutake and changes on distant planet

Comet's X-ray vision lights up sky at night

TOM WILKIE

Comet Hyakutake - the most spectacular comet visible to the naked eye for 20 years - has pulled an major surprise on astrooomers. It is not just bright with visible light, it is "fluores-

This is the first case of X-rays being emitted by a comet. They were picked up by the German orbiting X-ray satellite Rosat at the eod of March.

According to Dr Alan Fitz simmons, an astrophysicist from Queen's University Belfast, who lectured on the comet in Liv-erpool yesterday: "Everybody's just sitting hack and saying 'Wow. X-rays from a comet!'."

tronomers could not make and then re-emitted by a sense of the observations. "We don't know where they come from," he said.

Dr Konrad Dennerl of the Max Planck Institute for Extraterrestrial Physics at Garching in Germany, where the effect was observed, said thrilling momeot".

The team observed the emissions over a period of 24 hours as the comet neared its closest approach to earth. It was less than 10 million miles away when Rosat started observing.

The X-rays seem to come from a crescent-shaped region on its sunward side. One theory is that X-rays from the sun were absorbed by the comet's "atmosphere" of water vapour a deep red."

Dr Fitzsimmons said that as- surrounding the icy nucleus process known as fluorescence.

A second theory is that the X-rays are produced from the violent collision between the comet and the supersonic "wind" of plasma and particles streaming away from the sun.

According to Dr Fitzsim mons, comets such as Hyakutake which venture past the Earth probably originate from Pluto. More than 30 large bodies, known as "Kuiper Belt Objects", have been found, he said. "Their surfaces are dark as coal or even darker. We think their surfaces are covered with a layer of dark carbon-based molecules ... The colour varies. Some are almost grey and some



Spiral jets emanating from the rotating nucleus of comet Hyakutake can be seen in this false-colour image taken electronically with a charge-coupled device by Dr Alan Fitzsimmons at the observatory of Queen's

Storm clouds gathering as spring comes to Uranus

TOM WILKIE

It's springtime oo the planet Uranus, And just as April showers herald spring here in Britain. the clouds are gathering in the skies above Uranus. The difference is that the seasons on Uranus last for more than 20 of our earth years. Not even Gene Kelly would have kept on

singing in the rain for that long. The sight of a few wisps of cloud in the atmosphere of this distant gas giant planet has taken astronomers by surprise, according to Dr Heidi Hammel, of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, who lectured on "Exploring the Giant Planets with the Hubble space tele-

scope" at the conference. When, a decade ago, it was

visited by the *Voyager* space probe, the pictures revealed an apparently featureless disk,

Or Hammel believes the reahut now the Hubble Space Telescope is showing that clouds are forming, the harhinger of changing weather. "In the next few years I think there may be wheo it is active and that deinteresting things happening

on Uranus. Dr Hammel said. She added: "Uranus is so peculiar because its rotational axis is tipped over 90 degrees." The Earth's axis points almost vertically upwards out of the disk of the solar system whereas the axis of Uranus lies in the plane of the system. This means that, loosely speaking, for about quarter of the orbit, the "North" Pole points at the sun. for the next quarter the equator points sunwards, for the next

son Voyager took such disappointing pictures of the planet just happened to be an accident of timing. Uranus has times peods on what season it is. We're not used to thinking about seasons that are 20 years long". Astronomers in the 1890s had reported that they observed clouded hands on Uranus although such clouds

had not been observed since, Dr. Hammel said. Now the images of the Huhble telescope, which is able to picture the atmosphere of the planet developing over time are "rapidly changing our perception of these planets and how stable they are."

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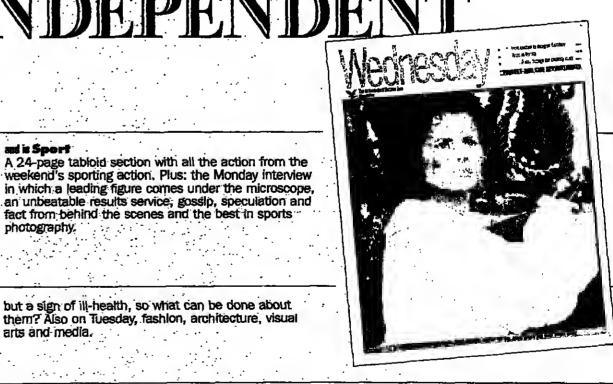
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Children's homes scandal: MP seeks meeting with minister

Calls grow for abuse report to be published

Charities and pressure groups concerned with the welfare of children have called for the report on Britain's biggest child abuse scandal to be made public. Their calls come in the wake of the decision by Clwyd County Council not to publish the report on abuse at children's homes in the county.

The three authors have been unable to comment on the report and attempts are currently being made to recover the numbered copies sent to them. A public inquiry has already been demanded by the authors of the 300-page document, who said in the report: "These issues are all of fundamental importance and we regard it as imperative that they are addressed in the full view of public scrutiny."

The trio, chaired by John

Jillings, former director of social services for Derbyshire, added: "We consider that a public judicial inquiry under the arrangements set out in section 250 of Local Government Act should be initiated."

Yesterday, calls for the report to be made public were echoed by most of the leading British child care agencies.

Valerie Howarth, chief executive of Childline, said: "The safety and well-being of young people should be paramount. We want publication of the report so that lessons can be learnt and that young people making claims for compensation have access to the full facts."

Tom White, chief executive of NCH Action for Children, said: There should be publication of the report. It would be a shame if the interests of insurers were overriding those of children. There are very serious implications here, and if lessons are to be learnt they can only be learn through publication of

Jan Burnell, director of the National Council of Voluntary Child Care Agencies - the national umbrella organisation for children's charities - said: The report must be published and everything made available to public scrutiny. If a very serious report like this cannot be

published, it is a very big issue." While Catriona Williams, director of Children in Wales, said: "It is essential that this report is not suppressed. We want the report published and to see the recommendations which will be of importance to all peo-ple involved in the care of children. We also want indemnity for the authors.

Such indemnity could be giv-

en by placing a copy of the re-port in the House of Commons Library. Rhodri Morgan, Labour's health spokesman in Wales, said yesterday that be will request a formal meeting with William Hague next week when the Secretary of State for Wales returns from a trade mission North America - to discuss the publication of the report and the growing demands for a public judicial inquiry. "If he has not acted by then

we will be demanding a formal meeting to discuss the placing of a copy of the report in the Commons library and a full ju-dicial inquiry," Mr Morgan said. "We also want investigated the allegation in the report that at no time over a 10-year period was there a single visit by a Welsh Office inspector to a home in Clwyd. That is a very damning allegation."



Wrap artistry: Elizabeth Goring, curator of the mummy collection at the National Museums of Scotland, with one of the mummies

Photograph: Jeremy Sutton Hibbert

Secrets of the mummies to be revealed

A hi-tech programme to discover the secrets of Egyptian mummies was launched yesterday. The four-year project involves subjecting the mummies, which range from 2,000 to 4,000 years old, to procedures including DNA testing and examination with a hospital CT (computed tomography)

Researchers with the project, launched in Edinburgh, hope the details they uncover will include the causes of death of the 10 bodies, which include the remains of three children. The mummies are owned by the National Museums of Scotland, who are trying to raise up-to £100,000 in grants for the work.

Elizabeth Goring, curator of the collection, said the work would give experts in Britain the best understanding so far of the history of mummies. Information from the CT scanner would be used to make three-dimensional plastic models of the mummies' skulls and to try to re-create their features.

Three of the sets of remains, which were unwrapped earlier this century, would undergo DNA tests. Among those to be tested were the bones of a woman and child found buried together. The tests would establish whether the bodies were a mother and her child. The other bones, belonging to a threeyear-old boy, would be tested to see why he died.

The body was found in a double coffin with another mummy, which had not been unwrapped but was believed to.

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'Distasteful' royal TV advert to stay

MARIANNE MACDONALD Media Correspondent

Live TV, the cable channel which features Topless Daris and scantily clad weather girls, yesterday vowed to continue running an advertisement which offended the Queen and which t has been ordered to withdraw.

It is now on a collision course with the Advertising Standards Authority, which ruled that the Predictions programme should be dropped.

Il features a wedding photo-graph of the Prince and Princess f Wales, with Prince Charles's head replaced by that of a grinning Paul Gascoigne and with the Princess of Wales apparently kissing the footballer.

The photograph was head-lined: "Who knows what the future holds?" - an apparent reference to the Princess's friendship with Will Carling, another famous British sportsman. Charles Anson, the Queen's

press secretary, had claimed the advertisement was distasteful and that neither the Prince nor for Live TV to use the picture. But the advertisers, Young

and Rubicam, argued that the photograph had been in the public domain for 15 years. Their approach, they claimed, was

The ASA said the advertisement should be withdrawn because it broke the rule banning references to the Royal Family. But Kelvin MacKenzie, man-

"humorous and not offensive".

aging director of Mirror Television which owns the cable station, said that Live TV would not bow to an outdated and arcane advertising code. "The rule was made 25 years

ago to protect the royals when basically one of us," he said.

The ASA also upheld a complaint by the Catholic Media Ofplaint by the Catholic Media Of-fice about two mail order Both complaints were upheld.

advertisements by the Lourdes: Research Organisation for a statue of the Virgin "in a dome... immersed in the miraculous water of Lourdes".

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Mystery calls over farmhouse murder

vital clues to the murder of a wealthy scientist's wife found naked and handcuffed at a secluded farmhouse a year ago.

The anonymous man has wice telephoned police huntng the killer of Janet Brown, 51, ho was beaten to death at Hall Farm, in Radnage, Buckinghamshire.

Yesterday, Detective Super-intendent Michael Short, who is heading the inquiry, appealed for the man to contact police again. Det Supt Short said: "I would ask that person to contact us. What he is telling us makes sense. It's really impor-tant that we speak to him."

It was unlikely that the calls were hoaxes and their tone and content suggested that the caller

A mysterious caller could hold himself believed the information he gave was of significance. The caller scems genuine.

The information seems correct," Det Supt Short added. The calls did not appear to be from the killer himself, nor did they identify the killer.

The first was made to the control room at Aylesbury police station at 9.10pm on 3 February. The second, almost a repeat of the first call, was left on an answerphone at Maidenhead police station on 27 February.

Thursday will be one year to the day since the murder. Mrs Brown was alone at home while her husband, Dr Graham Brown, 53, worked in Switzerland. The couple's three chil-dren, Zara. 22. Roxanne, 17 and Benedict, 21, were also away.

DAILY POEM

Jealousy

By Stephanie Revnolds

lealousy is dark blue. Jealousy is when Samuel is getting a ctiddle

on the settee without one. Jealousy sounds like crying and huffiness. Jealousy tastes sour in your throat. Jealousy feels like you have two hearts, One going up in unger, And one going down with sadness

Stephanie Reynolds, who comes from Hull, wrote this poem one of the award-winning entries in the eight years and under category of the 1995 WH Smith Young Writers' Competition when she was seven. Commended by the judging panel, which included Ted Hughes, John Agard, Jan Mark and Kil Wright, it is one of nearly 150 prose and verse works which appear in Electric Full Stops, published by Macmillan Children's Books this month at £4.99.

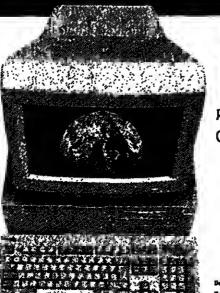
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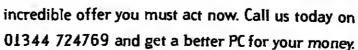
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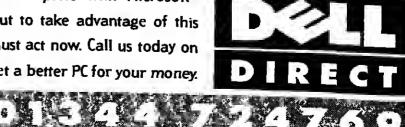




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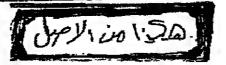
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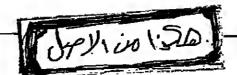






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Helpline to counsel 'suicidal' doctors

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A 24-hour helpline is to be launched for doctors after a British Medical Association survey revealed that one in five had contemplated suicide and many were taking to drink or

drugs.
The BMA chairman, Dr Sandy Macara, laid the hlame for high levels of stress at the Government's door, linking its rise to "intolerable practice" within the National Health Service.

"Almost 90 per cent of peo-ple perceived that their levels of stress were greater than five years ago," he said. "It is no coincidence that we are about to celebrate the fifth anniversary of NHS reforms."

The one-year pilot telephone service, staffed by trained counsellors from the specialist company Care Assist, aims to provide doctors with "coping strategies" for dealing with high levels of stress in the work place, Sandra Ridley, manager of the counselling services, said.

The survey of more than 800 GPs and hospital doctors published in the BMA News Review magazine found seven out of ten doctors said they suffered from work-related stress. More than one-third increased their alcohol consumption to help them cope. and a few became drug abusers.

Nearly 90 per cent of doctors thought they faced greater stress than they did five years



Macara: Doctors

ago and the same proportion felt patients had been encouraged to make unreasonable demands on them. More than 20 per cent said stress caused them

to think of committing suicide. But the "continued preva-lence of a macho medical culture" meant few - only 15 per селt — were likely to seek professional help, preferring to talk to family, colleagues or friends. Just 17 per cent said they had taken time off work.

One anonymous West Country family doctor said: "Many GPs I know are stressed to the point where their health and their ability to work safely are suffering. If we judged ourselves as we judge our patients, many of us would he off sick."

Another from Wales said: "One of my partners recently suffered burn-out, which led to alcohol abuse and attempted suicide. This caused great stress and guilt for the rest of us."

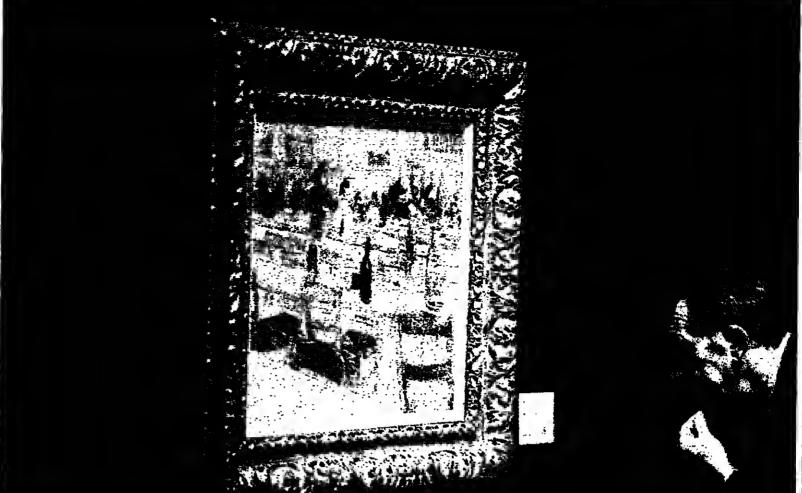
Dr Macara said he was "shattered" by the results of the BMA survey. He said: "We have the intolerable practice of doctors being told which patients to give priority to on the basis of where the money is.

"Added to that ... the Government has incited higher expectations in patients of the service they should receive in an environment which doesn't have the resources to provide those standards of patient care.

"It doesn't guarantee higher standards, but it is the best guarantee of demoralising and alien-ating those who are doing their best in difficult circumstances."

Last year at the BMA Annual Representatives Meeting in Harrogate, members called on the Government to set up such a helpline and authorised the BMA to launch a pilot scheme if the Government did not act.

The secretary of the association, Dr Mac Armstrong, said: "If I were the managing director of a company and it was revealed that my key personnel were suffering from this degree of stress, I would be calling for the head 'demoralised and alienated' of personnel on a plate."



Rare scene: Van Gogh's Intérieur d'un Restaurant, to be in Christie's London Impressionist and Modern Art auction on 30 April Photograph: Edward Webb

'Snags' hindered attempts to save pilot

Crew and medical staff fighting to save a dying airline captain who collapsed during a flight ran into a series of snags, an official report revealed yesterday.

Roger Attenhorough, 54, shumped unconscious as he prepared to land a 220-passenger Britannia Airways Boeing 757 at Malaga airport in southern

the aircraft safely but Captain Attenborough was declared dead after he was taken to hospital. An Air Accident Investigation Branch into the incident on

28 January found: DA nurse could not be strapped into the jump (spare) seat in the cockpit so she could attend to

seat also made it impossible for the nurse to get into the left observer's seat. D Having declared an emer-

gency, the co-pilot could not and first time because the approach he was given triggered off a ground proximity warning system aleri.

A waiting paramedic could not

as the steps had not arrived. The report said the co-pilot had initially summoned assis-

tance after he noticed the cap-

tain was struggling for hreath. A flight attendant arrived to find the captain apparently unconscious. Neither the flight attendant nor the nurse could tell if he had a very faint pulse

His co-pilot managed to land The position of the captain's board for two or three minutes or none at all. Two flight attendants and the nurse gave the captain heart massage when the plane landed and the para-

medic administered adrenaline. The report said the captain "died during or shortly after the flight". It added that the Spanish authorities had carried out a post-mortem examination but a full medical report was awaited.

Farmer in court over sheds of cannabis

A police raid on a farmhouse on the estate of Earl Wakdegrave – the older brother of the Chief Secretary to the Treasury, William Waldegrave - found around 1,000 cannabis plants growing in specially adapted sheds, a court was told yesterday.

The plants varied from a few inches to up to four feet in height and were being cultivated with the aid of special lighting and watering systems. They could have yielded up to £75,000-worth of cannabis, William Hart, for the prosecution, said at Bristol Crown Court.

Before the court was John Lucksted, 50, a farmer who manages a farm at Chewton Mendip, Somerset, on the estate of Lord Waldegrave. The court heard that Mr

Lucksted admitted possessing the plants but claimed they were solely for his own use. He denies a charge of possessing the plants with intent to supply to others.

Mr Hart said police raided the farm last September and found "substantial quantities" of cannabis in the house. In three sheds nearby cannabis

plants were being grown. He said that an expert at the Home Office's forensic science laboratories at Chepstow had examined one of the flowering tops of a plant and discovered it was the strongest ever

examined by the laboratories. Mr Hart said Mr Lucksted vho was arrested last October, maintained that he was a heavy smoker of cannabis, using around 30z a week. He said the farmer claimed he was growing it all for his personal consumption and did not intend supplying to anyone else."

Threat to Prince's village

The Prince of Wales's dream village will lose its unique rustic identity if hureaucrats in a neighbouring town get their way. Councillors in Dorchester, Dorset, want to extend their town's boundaries to swallow up the Prince's £22m Poundbury

development. Residents of the village, which is huilt on Duchy of Cornwall land, say the plans will

atmosphere. Properties combine boundaries review by the Local Victorian, Gothic and Renaissance styles. Thousands of homes are to be huilt there in the next 25 years.

Dorchester Town Council, which wants to expand its boundaries to take in the Prince's parish, has turned to This week its policy and resources committee is to decide rob the settlement of its rural whether to recommend a there in the future.

Government Commission. Dorchester's Town Clerk,

Dennis Holmes, said it had been a long-term view that the boundaries should be expanded. But Bill Brazier, chairman of Bradford Peverell Parish Council, which includes Poundthe district council for backing. hury, says Dorchester wants to expand so that the council can levy tax on the new homes huil

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Tobacco giant loses £2m Suicide gunman claim against widow

A giant tobacco firm which demanded that a widow should pay £2m in legal fees before she sued it over the death of her husband from lung cancer, lost its court action yesterday.

Lord Gill, at the Court of Session, Edinburgh, Scotland's supreme civil court, rejected the claims of Imperial Tobacco Ltd that Margaret McTear, of Beith, Strathclyde, should have to find the £2m for expenses of Her late husband, Alfred

McTear, who died of lung cancer aged 49, in 1993, had begun the legal action against the tobacco company, suing for £100,000 when his disease was diagnosed. The action is regarded as a test case.

Mr McTear, who had been a cigarette smoker for 30 years, claimed that Imperial Tobacco should have known smoking caused lung cancer. He said that the company had failed to warn its customers of the dangers of smoking.

In the present action, Imperial Tohacco claimed that case would cost £2m and would

years to complete. It demanded security against the very real risk of incurring irrecoverable

Colin McEachran QC, for Mrs McTear, who is working for her on a no-win, no-fee basis, had earlier told the court. Mrs McTear is clearly unable to meet even £1m. She has little capital and a meagre income. Imperial Tobacco are making a mountain out of a straight-

forward case. Yesterday, Lord Gill said in his written judgment: "Where a case can be seen to be hopeless the court is entitled and probably obliged to order caution [payment of some legal fees in advance]. But where, as in this case, that cannot properly be said, I consider that the court should be reluctant to make an assessment of the pursuer's

Lord Gill said Mrs McTear worked in Littlewoods and had widow's pension. She was not receiving funding from any source. She had been refused leresearch needed to defend the gal aid and her legal advisers were acting for her on a spec-

ulative basis. He added: "There is no hope of her finding cau-

tion in any significant amount". The judge said that whatever the intention behind Imperial Tobacco's present legal action for Mrs McTear to find Im caution, the inevitable effect of its being granted would be that the damages action which she is pursuing against Imperial Tobacco would come

to an end. Lord Gill said: "In deciding on a motion of this kind, the court must have a proper regard to the avoidance of injustice to

defender. "But the court must also keep in mind the risk that if the pursuer's means or the defender's probable expenses, or both, were to be decisive of the question, a pursuer with a potentially valid claim might be deuied access to justice." The judge refused Imperial

Tobacco'a claims for Mrs McTear to put np_the £2m caution for legal expenses. Mrs. McTear can now go ahead with her £100,000 damages action against the tobacco

murder suspect

A gunman who killed himself Holden, from Doncaster, South after a botched armed rohbery was wanted for murders in Spain and Portugal, police said

yesterday. John Willie Holden, 52, shot himself in Kingston Park shop-ping centre in Hull last Thursday after running from a jewellery shop. His body was found with an automatic pistol, more than 40 rounds of ammunition, a two-way radio and a canister of CS gas.

Detective Superintendent Geoff Walker, leading an inquiry into the incident, said



John Holden: Wanted man

Yorkshire, was wanted for a series of crimes in his home town and Derbyshire. He had failed to turn up at a trial for burglary at Doncaster Crown Court.

Two men seen near the jewellery shop around the time of the robbery have not come forward and are thought to have been involved. After the raid failed, Holden hit the shop manager over the head with an iron bar before fleeing, shooting at chasing police. He stopped outside a toy store and shot himself in the head.

Holden is believed to have been involved in the murder of a British tourist who was shot dead on a beach in Quateira, Portugal, in October 1993.

The second murder was in the Spanish resort of Fuengirola last July. Police said he had been involved in an argument with a Scottish man in a bar. Holden left, returned five minutes later with a handgun and shot the man dead before turning the gun on the victim's girlfriend and the two British owners of the bar. All were seriously hurt hut have recovered.

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Chernobyl: Ten years on and 5 million have been exposed to radioactivity following blast

Row over death toll from worst nuclear disaster

ADRIAN BRIDGE Central Europe Correspondent

Almost 10 years after the Chernobyl nuclear disaster there is still confusion over precisely bow many victims it claimed. According to Ukrainian

health ministry officials, 125,000 of their countrymen have already died as a result of the accident and many more are set to follow. On top of that, tens of thousands are said to have gone down with crippling radicidences of thyroid cancer among children have gone up a hundredfold.

Western scientists dispute the figures, with some putting the number of deaths directly attributable to the disaster at just 45. They concede, however. that the full picture will not become clear for many years.

"Ten years after Chemohyl we seem to have got nowhere with regard to the casualties," said David Kyd of the Viennabased International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA). "But those giving the higher figures tend to be people who want to draw attention to what happened and gain sympathy."

The motive is pretty clear. No matter how many people actually died as a result of it, the explosion at reactor number four of the Chemobyl nuclear pow er plant on 26 April 1986 still ranks as the biggest man-made disaster of the century.

Although the radioactive fallout from the blast reached Scotland, the highest concentration of people affected were in Ukraine and the then Soviet republic of Belarus, immediately

CHRISTOPHER BELLAMY Defence Correspondent

The Chernobyl nuclear disaster

radioactivity following the blast. In Ukraine, Belarus and Ruscotts of Chernobyl in human, sia more than 500,000 people were displaced from affected towns and villages and thou-sands of square miles of land were contaminated.

Ten years on the sense of shock, for those who experienced it, remains acute. Alexander Lukashenko, the President of Belarus, yesterday told a gathering of international politicians and scientists in Vienna that Chernobyl bad been a "radioactive tornado [the like of which had never seen before".

Claiming that bis country had ever since been devoting 25 per cent of its annual budget to dealing with the effects of the



Alexander Lukashenko: Blast was a 'radioactive tornado'

disaster, he also used the occasion to plead for more aid from the international community. "I call upon you to help return the contaminated areas to full life." Mr Lukashenko said, "We cannot conduct this work on our

The Vienna conference. o the north. which has been organised by the In all 5 million people are helieved to have been exposed to ganisation and the European

proving nuclear installations in

eastern Europe and the former

Soviet Union, the same amount

the voluntary association which

unites 126 operators of nuclear

power plants around the world,

was addressing a meeting of the

association in London yester-

day, the last before the an-

niversary of the accident on 26

April. He said the cost of re-

deploying workers, closing the

plant and replacing it, estimat-

ed at \$1hn - had discouraged

cident have disappeared - the

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comings of the RBMK reactor.

He said the main design short-

corrected," Mr Carle said.

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Remy Carle, the chairman of

again was needed.

environmental and even psychological terms. Its participants are also looking at how to ensure there can be no repeat of such a disaster.

In addition to the two still at Chemobyl itself, there are a further 13 Chernobyl-type reactors in operation in the former Soviet Union. Despite safety im-provements, all of them still represent a danger, according to Western experts.

The countries operating the plants say they cannot shut them down because they depend on them for their power supplies. The cost of serious improvements at the plants is estimated at around \$100 (£65m)-\$150m per unit, but to date, Western pledges have amounted to only \$20-\$30m

The Ukrainian Prime Minis ter, Yevben Marchuk, yesterday confirmed his readiness to close down the two reactors still in operation at Chernobyl by the year 2000 - as long as the right amount of Western aid would be forthcoming.

Mr Marchuk did not give afigure for the cost of shutting down Chernobyl, but in the past Ukraine has proposed a figure of around \$4bn to cover the completion of two new nuclear reactors, as well as continuing medical and other expenses for tens of thousands of people affected by the accident.

Last week, the Group of Seven major industrialised nations offered Ukraine \$3.1bn in exchange for closing the plant. With some in Ukraine resisting the move, G7 leaders meeting in Moscow later this month may even increase the offer.

Reactor explosion 'could never happen again

coefficient". Before the acci-

dent, the control rods could

cause a sharp increase in ra-

dioactivity when they were low-

ered into a reactor operating at

low power. This can no longer

happen.
The "void coefficient" is the

change in reactivity - the in-

tensity of the nuclear chain re-

action - which accompanies a

change in the density of the liq-

uid circulating round the reac-

tor core - the "primary

coolant". When water turned to

steam, reactivity would increase as the density of the coolant de-

creased. This could create a pos-

itive void coefficient, which

could cause the reactor to be-

come unstable. Steps taken

meant this was now impossible.

Attention had also been paid to

fire-retardant measures.

KEIRON HENDERSON

Amsterdam - The UN war

crimes tribunal for former

Yugoslavia yesterday took cus-

tody of a Bosnian Croat prison

camp commander, who is one

of the first defendants to be

charged with war crimes by the

Bosnian Serbs. Zdravko Mucic, named in a

tribunal indictment last month,

was banded over by Austrian

police at Schiphol airport and

tribunal's detention centre, near

was immediately taken to the

Mr Mucic, 41, was arrested

Although the European Union in the 1970s, were the design of the control rods and the void

gional voices in the PP even urge constitutional reform to transform Spain into a Germanstyle federation. The Catalan leader, Jordi

ceived don't amount to much.

receives 25 per cent less.

vides for such an eventuality and

At the prospect of a juicy bilateral deal shaping up between Madrid and Barcelona, Spain's other nationalities, the Basques and the Galicians, have put in their pennyworth. The conservative Basque National Party leader, Xabier Arzalluz, warned Mr Aznar this week that the Basques, too, wanted to be treated as a nation. He wants to complete a transfer of powers agreed by the Socialists.

tary vote would be sufficient.

Fraga, a PP founder and heavyweight, complained that Galicia must not be marginalised, a plea that appears to have been heard by his party. Mr Fraga, a minister under Franco, has gone even further than the Basques and the Catalans in his zeal to decentralise. He proposes that Spain become a federal state along German lines and reform its constitution. Fellow conservatives, unnerved

tremes are not yet necessary. Mr Aznar and Mr Pujol, the men of the moment, appear an ill-matched pair, worlds apart in age, style and beliefs. The consummate operator, Mr Pujol, 65. was jailed by Franco for up holding Catalan rights, and has been a local hero for decades. Mr Aznar, 44, was swotting for his tax exams during upheavals that swept away the dictatorship, and despite his election victo-

ry, remains politically unproven, Neither man achieved promi-

Aces high: The Catalan leader, Jordi Pujol, whose support will be necessary for Mr Aznar to take office as Prime Minister

Catalans display ruling passion

Catalonía more tax revenue, but

will not say how much. Mr Pu-

jol says he wants, in proportion

to the size of Catalonia's pop-

ulation, as much as Spain's

poorest regions. This would

mean a vast increase that would

stretch Madrid sorely and could

prompt howls of resentment

nation, beyond the autonomy enjoyed by Spain's other re-

gions, and to hand over to it

powers on trade, penal, police

and prison matters, coastal fish-

ing, ports, railways and air-

ports. The PP has swallowed the

from the poorer regions. Mr Pujol also wants Mr Az-nar to recognise Catalonia as a

ELIZABETH NASH

Five weeks after Spanisb general elections left the conservative Popular Party (PP) just short of a ruling majority, horse trading is in lensifying to secure for the party leader, Jose Maria Aznar, enough parliamentary votes to become prime minister. Success hangs on the 16 Catalan nationalist MPs, and to a lesser degree the five moderate Basque nationalists, but neither grouping has yet opted for Mr Aznar and may take another two weeks to make up

Mr Aznar, in his passion for a deal, is heing pushed to meet demands for regional autonomy that could surpass anything contemplated by the previous Socialist government. This would mark an extraordinary turnaround for a party born of Francoism ostensibly commitSpanish nation, Powerful re-

Pujol, said yesterday in Barcelona that the focus of talks between the two parties was regional autonomy. But nothing was in the bag, "We have received few requests from the PP, but those we have re-Things are still at an early stage," he said, and added: We are not going to vote for Aznar in exchange for nothing."
Without the Catalans, Mr

Aznar can kiss goodbye to pow-er, and Mr Pujol is alive to the opportunity this offers. A deal will centre around a higger Catalan share of tax revenues - wealthy Catalonia contributes 25 per cent more to Madrid than the national average and

toad, as they say here, accepted the principle and is preparing detailed responses. The move would transform the balance of forces between Madrid and the regions established in the 1978 constitution. but the constitution itself proThe Galician leader, Manuel

nence through beauty contests or charm schools, the editor of El Mundo newspaper observed recently, and neither, he noted, is a natural host for peak-time television spectaculars. But, the editor concluded, with a nod to the close of Casablanca, where Humphrey Bogart and Claud Rains stand together on the tarmac watching the plane depart, pragmatism and propinquity could spark the beginning of a

Skulls found in Argentine jail oven

DAVID HASKEL

their mind.

Buenos Aires - Remains of skulls and other human bones have been found in the bread oven at a maximum-security iail, where seven inmates disappeared during a revolt last

week.
"Several bones bave been found among the oven's ashes. including femur heads and parts of skulls," a court official said. We have not been able to determine yet how many victims there were or to whom the

bones belonged."
On Monday, the Buenos Aires province Governor, Eduardo Duhalde said prisoners killed other inmates and cremated their bodies during the

request and will appear at a pre-liminary hearing at the tribunal

charged Mr Mncic and three

Bosnian Muslims with war

manding the Celebici camp at

Konjic, in central Bosnia,

between May and November 1992, was identified last month

by the Bosnian Serb news

The tribunal said be was

accused of responsibility for crimes committed by his sub-

ordinates, including at least 14

murders, rape and torture. He

agency as a Croat.

crimes against Bosnian Serbs.
Mr Mucic, charged with com-

The tribunal last month

in The Hague tomorrow.

week-long revolt by 1,000 inmates at Sierra Chica prison. The revolt sparked riots among 5.000 inmates of other jails,

which ended on Sunday. The prisoner's rebellion held the Argentine public and the government of President, Carlos Menem in thrall for several days.

Investigators said teeth were found in the prison's bakery oven. Mr Duhalde's comments appeared to confirm reports quoting inmates' relatives last week as saying 17 Sierra Chica prisoners were killed in fighting and their bodies incinerated in the prison bakery. It was not clear how the relatives knew this and authorities have confirmed only the death of a 51-year-old inmate from stah wounds.

Croat camp chief to face Hague tribunal

responsible for causing great suffering and for forcing de-

tainees to bave oral sex with

Mr Mucic and his deputy,

Hazim Delic, were indicted along with Zejnil Delalic, a Bosnian Muslim military com-

mander, and a Celcbici camp

guard. Esad Landzo.

Mr Delatic, who was the commander of a unit of

Bosnian Muslim forces from

June to November 1992, was

arrested by the German potice

expected to take custody of Mr

Mucic and Mr Delalic "within

The tribunal said then that it

in Munich last month.

each other, it said.

Twenty-seven hostages, including a woman judge, were freed unharmed on Sunday as the prisoners surrendered after their leaders received guarantees there would be no reprisals for the crisis.

There were conflicting reports on the concessions made to the prisoners, who revolted on 30 March. Mr Duhalde said no concessions were made beyond promising quick and widespread application of a law deducting two years from sentences for every year served awaiting trial.

But newspapers said the inmates were promised a prison commission with inmate representatives would be set up and that softer sentences for car theft would be applied.

still at large, although the Bosn-

ian authorities have given the

tribunal assurances that the

accused men will be arrested

beating men to death with

wooden planks, baseball hats.

shovels and pieces of cable, as

well as torturing detainees, many in their sixties and sev-

enties, with pliers, corrosives.

electric currents and hot

alleged to have nailed a Mus-lim political badge to a man's

forehead. Mr Delic also faces

On one occasion they were

The two men were accused of

and handed over.

metal pincers.



Carlos Menem: Shaken by week-long revolt

to be taken into tribunal custody

after a Bosnian Croat general,

Tihomir Blaskic, gave himself

The tribunal now bas four

up to the tribunal last week.

men in its custody from the 57

war crimes suspects it bas

charged. To date, the tribunal

bas indicted 46 Serbs, cight Croats and three Muslims.

The German authorities are also holding a Bosnian Serb,

Goran Lajic, one of 13 Serbs charged last July with atrocities against Muslims at the Ker-

aterm prison camp in Prijedor.

north-west Bosnia. The tribunal

bas said it expects Mr Lajic to be transferred soon.

Zimbabwe lake closed by pollution

Harare (Reuter) - The Zim-habwean government bas closed the capital's main source of water to commercial fishing and recreational activities after the death of thousands of fish from suspected pollntion.

Chen Chimutengwende, the Environment and Tourism Minister, said the closure at Lake Chivero was to allow the government to determine the extent of the problem. He warned people around the area, 25 miles from Harare, against eating fish from the lake. He said efforts were being made to identify the: source of the pollution and action would be taken against those responsible.

"I am warning manufacturing companies, local authorities and individuals to refrain from dumping toxic and hazardous substances and effluent into the Manyame river system and the lake," be said.

City authorities in Harare have assured worried residents that the water is safe to drink because it is treated.

First signs of the problem, which local environmentalists are billing as one of the worst to hit Harare's water supplies, came three weeks ago, when officials began seeing dead fish

floating belly-up.
Scientists at the University of Zimbabwe in Harare hlame high levels of ammonia, brought to the surface when cool tenperatures allowed deep water to rise, for the death of the fish.

Liberian warlord takes peace-keepers hostage

JACKSON KANNEH

Monrovia - Fighting hetween rival ethnic factions rocked Liberia's capital for a fourth day yesterday, as the United States approved the airlifting of its citizens and other foreign nationals Cout to safety.

Hundreds of frightened civil-ians, fearing a resumption of the six-year-old civil war, took advantage of a temporary hill in the fighting to seek refuge in the United States embassy annexe, swelling the number already sheltering there.

warlord Roosevelt Johnson beld several hundred Lebanese and Liberian civilians and about 20 Nigerian peace-keepers hostage in a barracks where Mr Johnson was reported at one stage to be hiding.

The fighting and looting began at the weekend with a stand-off between supporters of Mr Johnson and soldiers loyal to the ruling council of state, which sacked him as its rural development minister and ordered his arrest on charges of murder during a clash with militia rivals.

which was set up under the latest of a long line of peace deals, comprises the main faction

lcaders as well as civilians. Shooting began again near the army barracks. Diplomats, officials and witnesses said that about 40 Lebanese, mostly women and children, about 20 Nigeria peace-keepers and several hundred Liberians were be-

ing held in the barracks. Diplomats said more than 200 foreigners were in the main US embassy compound. Others were trapped in their homes elsewhere in the city.

About 450 Americans are in Liberia, Africa's oldest independent republic, and which was founded by freed American slaves in 1847.

The smoutdering civit war, which has killed 150,000 people, began in 1989. But for the past three years the Liberian capital has been comparatively safe.

The barracks of the Armed Forces of Liberia, which are now just another militia faction, has been the focus of fighting which

has flared sporadically elsewbere in the city. Sustained hursts of shooting have mingled over the past few mediators,

days with mortar, artillery and rocket-propelled grenade hlasts. There was no reliable casualty toll from the fighting, Med-

ical aid workers spoke of at least six dead and 40 wounded. West African peace-keepers of the Ecomog force patrolled the city. A spokesman said that they were trying to broker a

"At the end of the day, all of us have to come to the negotiating table, tt is my appeal to all of the parties to cease fire," Ma-jor-General John Intenger said. offering his Ecomog force as

Ghana, which is current chairman of the Economic Community of West African States, which sent in the peacekeepers, told Mr Johnson that they would ensure his security during talks on his differences with the council of state.

However, his whereabouts is not known.
Last August's peace deal envisaged a ceasefire, disar-

mament and elections taking place within a year. But skirmishing militiamen have repeatedly breached the ceasefire, while the process of disarmament has yet to start.

Dozens

could not be repeated, either at Chemobyl itself or elsewhere in the former Soviet bloc, the Chairman of the World Association of Nuclear Operators (Wano) said yesterday in a statement marking the tenth anniversary of the world's worst nuclear accident. Technical improvements to the installations and the growth of a Western-style "safety culture" meant that the accident "as it happened in 1986, cannot happen again". But the Chernobyl explosion has received less attention tban other nuclear sites in the former Soviet Union because of the economic situation in Ukraine. Similar reactors -RBMKs - in Russia itself had

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Jordan joins anti-Saddam crusade

PATRICK COCKBURN

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In a sign that King Hussein is joining the enemies of Iraq, US air force fighter aircraft will for the first time start to use bases in Jordan to enforce the no-fly zone over southern Iraq.
The arrival of the 30 fighters

and 1,000 air force personnel marks a reversal of policy for Jordan, which for five years has been Iraq's lifeline to the outside world

The US aircraft are officially in Jordan for two months of war games codenamed "Eager Tiger" but the willingness of King Hussein to allow them to

overfly Iraq shows that he has, and the other in the south of the in effect, joined the Gulf war alcountry.

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tility of King Hussein is a serious hlow. There are tighter relies. During the war in 1991 Jordan maintained a benevolent neutrality towards Iraq and in-curred the hostility of the US. Saudi Arabia and Kuwait.

The no-fly zone over southern Iraq was imposed by the US in 1992 to protect Iraqis in the south of the country from Iraqi air attack. In addition to the surveillance flights by 18 F16s and 12 F15s supported hy four tanker aircraft, the US will train the Jordanian air force, which is to receive 16 F16s in 1997. The US planes will be stationed at two bases, one at Azraq, 40 miles from Amman,

Relations between Amman and Baghdad have deteriorated sharply since August last year, when Lieutenant-General Hussein Kamel, son-in-law of President Saddam Hussein of Iraq, fled to Amman. His public welcome by King Hussein marked the end of Jordan's previously friendly relations with Baghdad, which date back to the beginning of the Iran-Iraq war in 1980, and the start of a much closer alliance with the US and Israel.

The road across the desert from Baghdad to Amman is Iraq's only land roule to the outside world, so the growing hos-

strictions on trade with Irag, and the Iraqi opposition has been allowed to establish offices in Amman. General Wafiq al-Sameral, former head of Iraqi military intelligence, who defected to the opposition and had been living in Damascus, moved

to Jordan in the last week. There is no doubt that President Saddam is angered by King Hussein's turning against him. When an Iraqi diplomat was expelled recently, Jordanian sources say he was found conducting a surveillance of the house of Abdel-Karim Kabariti, the newly appointed Jordanhostility to the Iraqi government.

Jordan was also humiliated when General Hussein Kamel and his brother, who had been the king's guests, were killed by President Saddam when they returned to Iraq in the mistaken belief that they had been granted a pardon.

Given Iraq's dependence on the road to Amman, it is unlikely that it would start using violence against King Hussein unless it had another outlet. At the same time, the Iraqi regime has had no qualms about using violence in Amman in the past. An Iraqi nuclear expert on his way to Libya was shot dead in the

street, allegedly by a gunman working at the Iraqi embassy. The switch in alliances is not

popular among many Jordani-ans, even if pictures of President Saddam are no longer on display in Amman, as they were in the Gulf war. Jordanian business is also heavily dependent on exports to Iraq. A journalist who last year said 42 Jordanian politicians, businessmen and journalists were on the Iraqi payroll was immediately jailed for

three days and put on trial. Officials, aware of pro-Iraqi public opinion, say that Jor-danian pilots will not take part in the flights over Iraq. In addition, Western diplomats said

that the US aircraft will not fly directly from Jordan but via Saudi Arabia. The Pentagon said last month that the fight ers would remain in Jordan until mid-June, while the US navy carrier group normally deployed in the Gulf is absent.

Iragis in the south. The government in Bagh-dad has drained the marshes, considered a bastion of resistance, of water by digging canals, and has hurned towns and villages used by dissidents.

All this has been monitored by

satellite, hut without provoking

any international reaction.

It is unlikely that the US overflights are doing much good to

of war' RÓBERT FISK Beirut A fierce exchange of fire between Hizbollah guerrillas and

Israeli troops across the Lebanese-Israeli frontier yesterday provoked warnings from both Shimon Peres, the Israeli Prime Minister, and Sayed Hassan Nasrallah, the Hizbollah leader, of widespread military action in southern Lebanon. Mr Peres visited northern Israel hut found protesters

South

Lebanon

on brink

blocking the roads to Kiryat Shmona after 18 Katyusha rockets had exploded around the town. The Israelis jeered Moshe Shahal, the Police Minister, but applauded Binyamin Netanyahu when the right-wing Likud party leader arrived - a reminder for Mr Peres of how Lehanon now threatens his electoral prospects. Irish UN troops were last

night trying to find out who set off the roadside bomh in southern Lebanon that led to the worst outbreak of violence in the region for almost a month. The killing of Mazen Farhat, 14, outside the village of Bradchit and the wounding of two small-er children led to the Hizbollah reprisal attack on northern Israel which left 13 Israelis wounded - and counter-retaliation by the Israelis, who fired 200 howitzer shells around the neighbouring villages.

Speaking at an army base outside Kiryat Shmona, Mr Peres, who denied the Israelis set off the bomb, refused to say what military action he contemplated: "We'll do what we have to ... This government does not

have a policy of restraint."

Mr Nasrallah said any largescale Israeli military operation would reopen a general war in southern Lebanon.

First reports suggested the explosives that killed Mazen were placed on the Bradchit roadway by Israeli-backed mili-tias to explode when Hizbollah guerrillas passed on their way to attack an Israeli artillery base south of the village. But local security sources said he had been playing with the bomb which killed him and that an investigation by the UN's Irish battalion had still not discovered who left the explosives.

Dozens killed in Turkey's new offensive on Kurds

Hopes of an early change in Turkey's Kurdish policy dimmed yesterday as the mili-tary revealed the extent of its annual spring offensive, launched five days ago. It has already claimed the lives of more than

130 combatants. Backed by a new array of US Black Hawk and Cohra helicopters and an undiminished belief that force is the only way to solve the Kurdish problem, the military has once again sent thousands of troops up the steep valleys of south-east Turkey to search for and destroy any concentrations of the Kur-

distan Workers' Party (PKK). Years of unrelenting Turkish military pressure have driven the PKK far hack into the mountains, but somehow the PKK never meets that final end that the armed forces are once again predicting. The army said its assaults found at least one vell-defended PKK mountain base fitted out with its own bakery, electricity-generating system, school and hostels. fensive was north-east of Diyarbakir in pursuit of some 200 rebels, who the Turkish military said had recently crossed into Turkey after training. The PKK's main base is in Syria, but such training is usually undertaken in Iraq or Lehanon.

The new Turkish government of Prime Minister Mesut Yilmaz also ordered planes to attack targets over the border in northern Iraq, where the PKK has successfully infiltrated Iraqi Kurd territory and es-tablished fortified bases.

"The message of the offensive is not just for the PKK ... It is for Iran and Syria as well, Milliyer newspaper said. Turkey

wants to show its strength." Turkey has faced growing antagonism recently from both Iran and the Arab world over a range of issues, from sharing the waters of the Euphrates to a joint military training agreement that Turkey signed with Israel in Fehruary.
Since the offensive started on

Saturday, Turkey has conceded.



Last post: Turkish soldiers paying tribute to their 30 fallen colleagues at a mass funeral in Diyarbakir

ment says that nearly 100 PKK

rebels have also died. The fighting looks certain to put an end to the unilateral ceasefire announced by the PKK in December, a ceasefire that Turkey officially rejected but which did appear sharply to reduce clashes and casualties.

Television images of troops scouring hillsides and shelling that at least 30 Turkish soldiers the snow-capped mountains have been killed. The govern- may also put paid to hopes that

the new government can somehow come up with a Kurdish

policy that does not begin and end with military campaigns. Barely three weeks ago, Mr Yilmaz, was telling reporters: "We must break down the mountains of our minds ... [the Kurdish problem] cannot be solved by military means alone."

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He has promised to lift the state of emergency in the Southeast and to review an irregular

system of 60,000 state-paid Kurdish "village guards". But his alternative proposals do little for civil rights and may turn the

guards into a regular militia, Newly released figures show that 19,000 people have been killed since the PKK launched its struggle in 1984 in the name of the Kurds, who number 15-20 per cent of Turkey's 65 million people. Until the end of

curity forces had been killed and a claimed 11,000 "terrorists". The rest were civilians. The PKK talks of a goal of federal and cultural rights, but few Tirks believe that it has dropped its original goal of creating an independent Marxist state.

Support for the PKK ap-Turkey. A Kurdish nationalist vote in the December elections, and a heavily-controlled semblance of oormality has been imposed on most towns in

1995, 3,000 members of the se-media won only 4 per cent of the

Photograph: Reuter

pears to be decreasing inside party endorsed by pro-PKK

the Kurdish South-east. But the PKK problem is unlikely to go away, however hard Turkey clamps down. It has an ex-

tremely effective financial base among the half-million-strong Kurdish diaspora in Europe and is aided by covert support from Syria and other Turkish rivals.

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Election jitters: Fear of student riots and a clash with the North cast shadow over polling day

Violence threatens Korean elections

RICHARD LLOYD PARRY

In life, Roh Soo-sok was one of many, a clever law studeni at a famous private college, a handsome 20-year-old who spent his spare time playing traditional Korean drums. But, overnight he became a secular saint, and the campus of Yonsei University, in the west of Seoul. became his shrine.

Huge banners draped over the university gates display poems eulogising him as "a young eagle". Students wear T-shirts bearing his image, Large paint-ings of a Christ-like Roh, his head wreathed in clouds, have been posted all over the campus, draped in black ribbons.

His coffin sits beneath an improvised tent, guarded around the clock by unsmiling youths with hlack headbands, white masks, and wooden batons.

There are offerings of incense and flowers and, carried around the campus by a spring breeze. a stronger and sweeter smell. Roh has been dead for almost two weeks and, despite the dry ice and the small electric covier perched on top of his coffin,

he is beginning to decompose. South Korean students, once the most enthusiastic protesters in Asia, have been quiet recently. But, in an uneasy week for South Korea, with North Korean troops violating the armistice, and elections taking

a powerful sense of grievance. This morning, 12 days after

his heart attack during a demonstration in Seoul, Mr Roh's coffin will be hoisted on to the shoulders of his comrades who will carry him through the streets to a service in front of City Hall, before driving overnight to a cemetery in the southern city of Kwangju. That is the plan. As everyone understands, South Korea's vigilant riot police have other

The elections to the South Korean assembly will take place tomorrow in an atmosphere of tension. Nine years after the first direct presidential elections, democracy is established in South Korea, But the country still labours under unique pressures, as the weekend incursions by troops from the Communist North has emphasised.

This year, President Kim Young-sam, the first head of state in four decades with no military background, robbed the students of their greatest complaints against him. After resisting for three years, he finally consented to prosecuting two presidential predecessors, the former generals Chun Doohwan and Roh Tae-woo, on

charges of bribery and treason. But with a year still to run, Mr Kim's New Korea Party stands to lose its parliamentary majority tomorrow. According to students at Yonsei, the death of



College hero: Seoul students guarding the coffin of Roh Soo-sok, who died in a demonstration

new intolerance fostered by the insecurity of the South Korean leadership.

One of the biggest question marks hanging over the Presi-dent is his indebtedness to the massive, illegal slush fund accumulated by presidents Chun and Roh. Opposition leaders say Mr Kim received dirty money for his 1988 election campaign. At the demonstration on which Rob collapsed and died, this was one of the complaints.

An autopsy concluded Mr Roh had died of heart failure, but his body bore numerous hruises apparently inflicted by the police. "I have been in many fights with the police place tomorrow, there is again Roh Soo-sok is a symbol of a before," said Hwang Sang-woo,

of the Yonsei Student Union, "but that time they were unprecedentedly harsh," He added: "Nothing will persuade me the police were not the direct cause of his death."

Students are not the only group to detect intolerance in the government. Foreign journalists in Seoul recently sent a protest letter to the President's aides after the correspondent for the Australian Financial Review was refused a visa for writing articles displeasing to the government. Although he was jailed as a dissident, the President's government continues to prosecute left-wing writers and academics under a draconian National Security Law.

On Monday, the police in Kwangju, the heartland of Korean anti-establishment protest, announced their resolve to "strongly confront" student protests, "to ensure the 15th parliamentary election is carried out in a happy, fair and open en-vironment." But the students in Seoul are also resolved. Outside the Yonsei campus, a few yards from his decaying body, a ban-ner bears a poem entitled "The Fall Of A Young Eagle": Roh Soo-sok, who beat the drum

Came back to us dead, with his heart cold and numb Dream sweetly, friend, beneath the white sheet As we take in our own hands the drum you once beat.

IN BRIEF

Yeltsin clashes with Poles over Nato

Moscow - President Boris Yeltsin and his visiting Polish coun-Moscow — rresident Boris Teitsin and the visiting construction terpart. Aleksander Kwasniewski, failed at their first-ever summit yesterday to resolve disagreements over Poland's desire to join Nato. Mr Yelisin said the sides simply agreed to disagree, jom Naio. Mr rensin said the sides sumply agreed to disagree, adding that he did not have much hope of reaching a compromise. We both agree that we need to continue our negotiations and look for a way of solving the problem of understanding beautiful to the problem. tween Nato and Russia," he said.

Tibet protest mars Chinese PM's visit

Paris — Over 200 French parliamentarians, seizing on a controversial official visit by the Chinese Prime Minister, Li Peng, called on Peking to pull out of Tibet and said the UN should take up the issue. The deputies and senators accused China of being responsible for 1.5 million deaths since Peking occupied Tibet

Finns starved of drink by protest strike

Helsinki - Most of Finland's 250 off licences closed yesterday when staff walked out in protest against planned cutbacks by the management. The one-day strike by 1.700 workers at the state-run alcohol monopoly, Alko, shut all but 15 smaller stores in

Africa proclaimed nuclear-free zone

Cairo — The world's five recognised nuclear powers will sign a treaty in Cairo tomorrow declaring Africa a zone free of nuclear weapons and prohibiting nuclear testing on the continent, Egypt's Foreign Ministry said yesterday.

Germans pay more for their letters

Bonn — The German Post Office said yesterday that it plans to raise the cost of mailing a standard letter by 10 pfennig to 1.10 marks (about 50p).

Victory parade returns to Russia

Muscow — Russian soldiers will parade across Red Square to celebrate Victory Day on 9 May for the first time in six years, a military spokesman said yesterday. The tradition was suspended in 1991 as the Soviet Union neared collapse.

Court questions ban on Rushdie's tome

New Delhi - A court in Delhi ordered India's government to explain why it ordered a halt to the sale of Salman Rushdie's latest novel, The Moor's Last Sigh.

China to exclude Patten from handover

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Jeremy Hanley, the Foreign Minister responsible for Hong Kong, has confirmed that China wants Britain to agree to a discreet private ceremony to mark the end of colonial rule and Peking's resumption of sovereignty over the territory next year.

China originally insisted that it would not accept the Governor, Chris Patten, having any part in the handover ceremony because he is viewed as a "criminal through the ages". In private talks, Britain remained adamant that China could not

sovereign power.

The talks have been going on for some months, but the level of the stalemate was only openly acknowledged in an interview with Mr Hanley which appeared in the South China Monting Post yesterday. "We believe this is a unique moment in history that will be of great interest to the world, hut China wants it not so open - a little more businesslike, shall we

dictate who would participate building on the harbour side not want the ceremony to revolution behalf of the outgoing which is frequently used for el in the colonial legacy, but have nothing to do with Mr Pat-

resumption of Chinese rule.

say," he was quoted as saying. It is reliably understood that China simply wants officials to meet in a private room in Hong Kong's City Hall, a functional

swearing-in of the Governor.

China seems to be planning a closed-door event at the stroke of midnight on 30 June 1997, followed by a lavish public celebration the next day once the British have left. Indeed, 1 July will become a permanent public holiday in Hong Kong to celebrate the

Britain has made no secret of the fact that it is looking for a "dignified" ceremony at which it could hand over its last major colonial possession with some honour. Mr Patten does

official occasions such as the acknowledge more than a cen-

media about who would preside over the ceremony. Frequent references are made to Prince Charles, who has visited Hong Kong more often than any other senior royal.

It has also been suggested that China's patriarch, Deng Xiaoping, would fulfil his oftenstated wish to visit Hong Kong after it returned to Chinese sovereignty, although reports about the poor state of his health make this unlikely.

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ten, who is held responsible for tury and a half of British rule.

There has been constant hated by China, has reached speculation in the Hong Kong such a pitch that elaborate precautions are taken to ensure that no Chinese official even attends any of the numerous events at which the Governor is

> present. Lu Ping, China's most senior official responsible for Hong Kong affairs, will be making one of his rare visits to the

territory later this week. He has studiously ignored Mr Patten's offer of a meeting and has so far declined to meet any other government officials.

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Has mankind conquered baldness?

Tomorrow sees the first ever Hair Grower of the Year awards for those who have reversed hair loss. But men who suffer should simply learn to grow bald gracefully, counsels Jojo Moyes

When Sean Lennoy discovered his wife was having an affair, a court heard last month, he decided to impose upon her lover the most humiliating punishment he could imagine. He held his rival down and rubbed

Immac hair remover into his head. Unfortunately for Mr Lennoy, his rival regrew stubble after four days. But the fact that this was held to be the ultimate embarrassment shows the degree to which hair loss among men

is still seen as stigmatised. In recognition, or perhaps in exploitation, of this tomorrow sees the first ever Hair Grower of the Year Award at the Savoy Hotel in London, where one of six finalists will receive a £10,000 cheque for having "grown back the most hair on a previously bald

The competition, organised by the two-year-old Hair Growers Club, has monitored entrants worldwide in their year-long "race" to re-thatch their scalps without the aid of plastic

There can be no doubt whatsoever that, for the majority of men, baldness is now an option and not an irrevocable problem," says Andy Bryant, author of *The Baldness Cure* and previously best known for undergoing a vasectomy without anaesthetic.

"We know how to grow back hair on bald heads," he says. "This is a bit like the Wright brothers with their first 59second flight - it destroys the myth hat it cannot be done, perpetuated by ested interests and people with closed

Unfortunately, for the vast majory of those with thinning thatches, 59-second flight with the right brothers is more likely an a return of their locks. the in three men between te ages of 20 and 40 will hve noticeable hair thinmg or bald patches and arund eight million men m3ritain are balding to sone degree.

bere are a number of cuses, but the princoi one is male patten baldness, caused by an over-sensitivity tdt/z male hormone tetaterone. It is

thought to have a genetic link, while and licensed as a medicine by the Natural Hair Products company. stress, poor lifestyle and poor nutrition may also contribute.

There are more temporary lorms of haldness, such as alopecia areata, a disease of the scalp in which baldness is patchy. This can develop into alopecia totalis, loss of all scalp hair.

Few men welcome the first sprinkling of hairs on their pillow, mostly. according to experts, because it is seen as an obvious sign of ageing. But the idea of baldness as a psychological disadvantage recently received scientific backing with a report in the British Journal of Psychology.

"Far from being a laughing matter. male hair loss is clearly associated with a marked decrease in psychological well-being," said the report, entitled Does Fortune Favour the Bald? It claimed bald men feel more depressed, are more unsociable and feel much less attractive. And the younger the man, the report said, the worse he felt.

This goes some way to explaining why the market for hair-loss products is flourishing, with worried men spending an estimated £100m a year, despite widespread cynicism about the efficacy of such "cures"

Few have any degree of official Bryant's backing. Minoxidil, sold under the brand name Regaine, is the only treatment to have satisfied the American FDA that it can be marketed as a drug

that grows hair

British Medicines Control Agency. It claims to show an improvement in a third of all patients, but it has to be taken continuously or the scalp will quickly return to the stage of baldness

that would have occurred anyway.

Less orthodox "cures" have included Baby Bio, Marmite and Balti curry mix - all to be rubbed into the scalp. (It has not been noted whether these also inadvertently provide an effective contraceptive.) And in between are a whole spectrum of "cures" that promise to increase circulation to the scalp, adjust the hair growth/loss cycle, regulate the sebaceous glands and stimulate the hair

According to a spokesman for the Hair Grower awards, the most popular method among the six finalists (only one of whom had succumbed to a transplant - on the only area of his scalp where hair no longer grew) was that of a lifestyle change encompassing a high water content diet, vitamin supplements, stress management and inversion. Or hanging upside

This method, espoused by Andy

claimed to have achieved a 50 per cent re-growth for the ex-Labour MP Bryan Gould.

Hanging upside down apparently counter-acts the effects of "vaso-dilation" whereby blood vessels constrict through stress, eventually affecting circulation to the scalp, and cause hair loss. This may indeed have been the case, although Mr Gould admitted that the improvement in his hair could have been a "coincidence".

But not everyone is as satisfied by their "miracle cures". The Advertising Standards Anthority says that com-plaints about hair loss treatment are on the increase. They are, however, still low - the authority says that many men do not like to complain because they tend to attribute the fail-

ure of treatment to themselves. The levels to which men will go to avoid baldness is perhaps best exemplified by the available plastic surgery, the best known method of which is Micrografting. This is where hair is moved to areas where it will fall out, ie the temples and crown. A more extreme method is scalp reduction, where the central area of baldness is

"cut out" and the edges of skin pulled But no method shricks of serious desperation

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expansion_

involves the insertion of silicone balloons under the scalp, which are gently expanded over three months, the aim being to create extra hair-bearing skin, until the head ends up bulging. When the balloons are removed the bald area is cut out and the stretched skin stitched over it. An additional downside is the £5,000 it will cost ...

and the three months spent in hiding.
According to Sarah Cremer, style and grooming editor of Men's Health magazine, men's magazines have to be very careful" when talking about hair products, for fear that desperate men will regard articles as an endorse-ment and rush out to try the products. But she believes men are getting better at coping with baldness, largely because of the increasing presence of high-profile role models.

They're getting the hang of the fact that a scrape-over is not the way to do it, that it's much better to go short and stay short," Ms Cremer says. "I think people like Andre Agassi and Bruce Willis help because you have positive images of balding men who are seen to be very sexy. Someone like Sean Connery is balding and still incredibly

And that, apparently is the root of the problem. For the majority of men, a full head of hair is still inextricably bound up with the idea of youth, virility and ultimately attractiveness. Until those perceptions change, the market for scalp fertilisers of all sorts is likely

to stay as buoyant as ever. "It's ironic really in that most surveys show that women don't care if men are balding," says Ms Cremer. Much more likely to be a turn-off is the scrapeover, the spray-on hair in an aerosol, the badly fitting toupee, or worse

– an awful, self-conscious

obsession with hair loss. Learn 10 love your pate, says Ms Cremer, and be loved in return, "I think unless they're terribly disturbed should just to do it gracefully, keep their hair very keep

carry it off.

Keep your hair on: five 'cures'

Micrografting



Micrografting will not create a dense mane, but offers hope to the receding hairline. A strip of hair-bearing skin taken from the back of the head is divided into thousands of tiny plugs which are "replanted" into lasered holes. Within 25 days the transplanted hair falls out leaving the live follicle from which the final hair will grow two or three months later. The method works best with curly hair which conceals the scalp. Micrografts cost £8 to £10 each.

Scalp reduction



At between £1,200 and £1,500 the minimisation of extensive bald-ness comes at a high price, but scalp reduction boasts instant results. Usually carried out under a local anaesthetic, the central area of baldness is cut out and the edges of scalp drawn up and stitched together, immediately covering more of the head with hair. A drawback is an ugly scar which takes seven to 10 days to

The curry miracle



A West Midlands huilder was talked into ruhbing curry on to his bald patch by a friend who made the cure out of Indian herbs. After a week of applying the mixture twice a day, Tim Deeley from Sedgley found tufts of blond hair sprouting where there had been none for 12 years. On a Radio 5 chat show one Welshman was so convinced of the miraculous qualities of a certain curry that he refused to make his secret public so that he could market it.

Take the tablets



Available over the counter, Regaine is the only drug to have shown potential for regrowth. Its manufacturers claim one-third of users can expect some results, while a lucky 8 per cent will enjoy "dense regrowth". However, regrown hair tends to be fluffy and will fall out if the treatment is stopped - a costly commitment at £25.95 per month. An American scientific journal commented: "As a whole, the amount of hair regrowth is modest at best."

Head over heels



The patient hangs from The Inverter for a few seconds each day as part of a £360 programme that also includes lessons in stress management, diet and exercise. Increased supply of blood to the bead and scalp is supposed to stimulate hair growth, as demonstrated by Bryan Gould who experienced new hair growth after three months of the head over heels treatment. Experts remain unconvinced.

Research by Anna Davies

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Between the devil and the bishops

There seems be a continuing lack of charity in the internecine struggle etween the Catholic newspapers



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the Universe and the Catholic Herald. Peter Stanford (left), former editor of the Herald, has just written The Devil: A Biography, to he published next week. The Universe weighed in saying that Stanford was writing "an antobiography of the devil". (Oscar

Wilde lives on in religious publications). Stanford and his publisher, Heinemann, were not amused and demanded an apology from the *Universe*. In Kelly, editor of the *Universe* (a wonderful title, that), promised one would be forth-coming. In the *Universe*'s diary column the following apology duly appeared: "An apology. In a recent edition of The Uni-verse I said former Catholic Herald ediior Peter Stanford was writing an autosiography of the devil. As he has pointed ut, Mr Stanford is in fact not the devil. le is merely writing his biography. So, reaking with our normal custom, we pologise grudgingly to Beelzebuh for

te embarrassment caused." Stanford himself was somewhat then aback, but could find himself in Prese trouble. Catholics and Sex, one of a earlier works, is just about to be polished in Polish. That means that th Pope might read it," he says, "and I right get excommunicated. That is an awal-lot worse than being called the ded by the English bishnps."

Music to the producer's ears

Sue Voodford, the wife of the media mogland Labour peer Lord Hollick, is abut to try her hand at co-produc-

ing a musical. The former World in Action producer at Granada who is on the board of Talawa, Britain's leading black theatre company, has jointly bought the rights to A Raisin in the Sun with Yvonne Brewster, the theatre's Jamaican-boro artistic director, and the American theatre director, Lisa Forell. The musical was adapted by Lorraine Hansberry, with music by Judd Woldin, from the original award-winning 1959 play about a ghetto family that comes into money and moves inlo a white neighbourhood. It was a success

performed in Britain. Sue Woodford is optimistic and hopes it will be out next year. "This could be something that is a real success. It's going to show the wonderful black talent that we have in this country."

An expensive lesson in unity

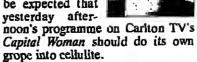
To attend one teachers' union conference is purgatory. To go to three seems in the US but has never hefore been remarkably like sado-masochism. But

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Hank Roberts, the former president of Brent National Union of Teachers, has spent his entire Easter and a large chunk of his savings doing just that on behalf of his cross-union pressure group, Professional Unity 2000. The aim of the group is to unify all the teaching unions. The road to unity is long and expensive. "I started in London," says Mr Roberts, "where I took a cab to Torquay for £150 for the ATL conference and stayed overnight. I then had to return to London, go to Cardiff for the NUT conference for two nights, after which I am catching the plane to Glasgow for the NASUWT conference where I'll probably stay for two more nights. Then I have to fly hack to London again." The whole shehang will cost him £600. Greater love for his profession hath no man.

The bottom line on cellulite

With some of the press filling space on a quiet week in-depth investigations into the state of Princess Diana's legs, it was only to be expected that



"What is it," asked the presenter, "that every woman is paranoid about, that even Pamela Anderson cannot avoid, that doctors won't even acknowledge, and that cannot be found in any medical textbook? Well, the answer is cellulite. But is it, as some doctors say, a figment of our imagination - or simply a Frenchwoman's elegant word for fat?" Paranoid, figments, fat! Harsh words from the presenter, one Julia Carling (above), hut these medical matters demand plain

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It all begins in the classroom

Easter teacher union conferences are trarely enlightened occasions. They are, in their way, mirrors of education debates in Parliament. They ring old, cracked bells, fighting the hattles of the day before yesterday and ignoring the opportunities and challenges of the future. They ignore, in other words, the children. And yet, this spring, there is a prevalent sense that the urgency of classoom improvement has become a focus

of national agreement.

After the tumult of change in recent years, there is a glimmering of national consensus on education. It centres on the need, recognised by teachers, parents and politicians alike, to make improved classroom teaching the beginning and end of education policy. Recent speeches by Gillian Shephard, the Education Secretary. and her Labour shadow, David Blunkett, have exuded moderation. Stripped of ritual obeisance to their parties' sacred cows (comprehensives and choice), they have, in fact, been variations on the same theme: improvement starts in the classroom.

It was not just Mr Blunkett's effort to sign Labour up to private finance for schools when he spoke to the NUT the other day. Nor was it Mrs Shephard's discovery, after the rhetorical extremism of her predecessor John Patten, that teachers have to be co-opted rather than battered. They both agree that the structure of the schools, even how they are financed, matters less than how minds are shaped, facts and techniques learnt and how the achievement of pupils is assessed

The broad line of agreement says: let us stick with common secondary schools for the majority at 11-plus and focus instead on the qualities of the pupils coming into them and the skills and attitudes of the pupils completing a core curriculum at age 16. Other things, such as nursery provision, the shape of the 16-19

course offering and the need to refashion vocational education – these are important. But what is taught and how it is

assessed matter more than where. Most people see that the national curriculum needs to be pared back to a core of numeracy and literacy, that pupils need to be regularly tested. Who now dissents from the national objective of striving to make all 16-year-olds better readers, better users of the languages of maths, better thinkers, better equipped to make a living and go forward to learn

more in this ever-changing world? That amhition can only be realised at the chalkface by dedicated teachers. They need to be backed up (although this will all too often be an aspiration rather than a reality) by parental enthusiasm.

Their training ought not to stop, or even start, in specialist training colleges but rely instead on the experience of accomplished educators.

Good teachers need good inspectors, whose voice has to be much more nuanced and emollient than the one Chris Woodhead of the Office of Educational Standards has been using lately. Inspectors, themselves at the acme of professionalism, should be supporting and nurturing good teaching (and so elimi-nating bad). There is no need for them to behave like a gang of heavy-booted policemen out to maximise their convictions.

Teaching has, once again, to become a dignified activity, carried out by professionals. That professionalism ought to be captured by the creation of a general teaching council, akin to the General Medical Council, is long overdue. The amount teachers get paid has to be correlated with their classroom performance and both of those with how the public esteems them. There is now solid agreement, across the parties, across the country, that pay, performance and esteem should all now be rising.

The need to prevent another Chernobyl

The explosion and fire at the Chernobyl I nuclear power station a decade ago was a modern horror. According to the World Health Organisation, the total amount of radioactivity released in the disaster was 200 times more than the comhined fallout from the atomic bombs dropped on Hiroshima and Nagasaki. The precise death toll will never be known. though Western scientists believe many thousands will eventually die because they suffered exposure to radiation.

Given these facts, why, as the 10th anniversary of the disaster approaches, does the Chernobyl plant remain open? Not only that, but 15 Chernobyl-style reactors continue to operate in the former Soviet Union- 11 in Russia and two each in Ukraine and Lithuania. The International Atomic Energy Agency has said clearly that Chernohyl-style RBMK reactors represent a much greater safety risk than other types used in nuclear power generation. Most Western nuclear experts regard the RBMK, an exclusively Soviet model, as inherently

Design flaws were only part of the explanation for the Chernobyl disaster. The other was the fact that, in an operation which still boggles the mind, technicians at the plant were conducting experiments in which safety systems were shut down. How far have safety procedures improved since then? Not far made the basis of renewing trust.

enough. Last November, fuel rods were removed from one of Chernohyl's two working reactors. Their hermetic seal was broken and an employee was exposed to

Despite compelling arguments for closing down Chernobyl, there is official resistance. Ukraine authorities say the plant supplies 7 per cent of the country's energy and provides jobs for 30,000 people. They contend, unconvincingly, that Chernobyl has enjoyed an excellent, accident-free record in recent years. Since the government has in fact promised to close the plant by 2000 - a pledge repeated yesterday - it is hard to avoid the conclusion that the real reason for Ukrainian procrastination is a desire to extract as much money as possihle from the West to cover the costs

The Group of Seven industrialised countries has offered about £2bn in aid. That is a generous sum. If the West is to offer more, the Ukrainian authorities need to show they are serious about closing the plant - ideally, hefore 2000. What is needed is a programme for repairing and eventually shutting down every one of these Chernobyl-type reactors. The financial costs will be high. Yet at a time when relations between the West and Russia have hit choppy water, making a well-financed programme of closing the remaining reactors could be



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR •

the contrary, that must be its mise-en-scène. Tony Blair, Ann

Widdecombe and all the rest of

us will mix success with failure,

but we must keep the ideal before

us and know that the essence of

repentance and forgiveness is

that we may go on and on with

the cycle and so progress is made.

Otherwise we may as well give up and then it is not only the political outlook that will be truly

without hope.

The Rev Ben Hopkinson
Stainton, Middlesbrough

Sir. On 9 April, 51 years ago, young Dietrich Bonhoeffer was

hanged in a Nazi concentration

camp. For Bonhoeffer, Christian

theologian conspiring to murder the head of the German state, the question of political involvement leading to "muddied hands and moral ambiguity" (leading article,

8 April) was deeply relevant.

The ultimate question for a

responsible person to ask is not

how he is to extricate himself

beroically from the affair, but

how the coming generation is to live. It is only from this question,

with its responsibility towards history, that fruitful solutions

can come, even if for the time being they are very humiliating

The point is not that political

murder is ever justified outside

the most extreme boundary situ-

ation, but that what constitutes "a

true Christian, one who actually

live[s] a life of love and self-sac-

rifice" is more complicated than

the theology of your leading arti-

The Rev Douglas DETIMER

Exeter, Devon

(After Ten Years, 1942).

cle allows.

Christians bring honesty to Westminster

Sir: Your suggestion that a true Christian could not play a full part in politics ("Anyone can play Bible games", 8 April) denies the reality of any Christian's daily life. Political service does of course demand compromise but what family or business career does not also require regular surrendering of will to others' preferences?

A Christian politician should not compromise essential principles but must always be ready to be flexible over tactics. For example, a Christian may want to limit access to abortion but realising that the current parliament is not ready for such legislation may prefer to press for an extension of adoption rights to ensure full a political party but to assume care for bables carried to full that a person of faith should not

Today's political landscape requires more Christian involvement and I hope that believers vations is a nonsense. would bring a sense of honesty and probity that Westminster is accused of lacking. Parliament as a whole would benefit if Members attacked each other less and focused on policy. All evidence suggests the public would appreciate this as well. Tony Blair could make a start by being a little bit more generous to other Christians who have been led by the Holy Spirit into other parties. TIM MONTGOMERIE Director of Fellowship

Conservative Christian Fellowship London, N2 Sir: So no true Christian would survive in politics (8 April). So

much for the many members of

the Lords and Commons who

have been sincere followers of

old night train to Milan. Leave

Waterloo at 5.15pm, cross to

Paris and dine there. Arrive at

Any hranch of Thomas Cook

on to Venice at weekends).

arrive at 7.10am (the sleepers go bookings.

Not the last night train to Milan

Sir. John Mills (letter, 5 April) sells the timetable: any large can still go to Italy in style. There are now two equivalents of the

8.45am. Or leave Waterloo at that Eurotunnel and British Rail

2.27pm, change in Brussels, and International accept credit card

Christ and served their parties and the country with distinction.

One might as well say that no true Christian could survive in the City of London or in the boardroom of a major company because difficult decisions have to be made in grey areas at the limits of what is legally possible. If a person is a Christian they will take that faith with them into all areas of their life, it will govern their attitudes, inform their thought and motivate their

Our culture has been formed out of the contribution of many such people. There will be many reasons why a person is drawn to take that faith into account in the process or that he should be silent about his underlying moti-

STUART MUSTOW Sutton Coldfield, West Midlands

Sir: "What is truth? said jesting Pilate; and would not stay for an answer." (Bacon: Of Truth). You are probably right to say (leading article, 8 April) that Tony Blair is taking a risk in playing the Christian card (if that is what he has done) but to say that "no true Christian, one who actually lived a life of love and self sacrifice, would survive in politics" is not only gloomy but also mnddled

thinking. What is a true Christian? You seem to be proposing a definition and then saying that this cannot be attempted in the hurly-burly of

Many of us would say that, on

problem has been that most

travel agents don't book on

trains, but things are better now

BEN HAINES

Nightmares of the meat trade

packed immediately for distri Sir: In view of the panic over BSE, what surprises me is that more people are not made unwell through the consumption of beef and its by-products.

A number of years ago I worked in various capacities for a meat packer who supplied a major retailer of frozen foods. Working conditions could be charitably described as ghastly,

but I recall the following inci-dents with particular affection: 1) A butcher chopped his fin-ger off while cutting meat. The

"slab" was wiped down with a damp cloth, while the missing digit was located amongst the joints and popped in a hrown bag to accompany the butcher to the local hospital.

2) Mince was processed and packed in different sections of the factory; the only route from one to the other was

along the public highway. A "dolly" containing six trays of mince, each weighing about 25lhs, toppled over in the road and was scraped up and

were coated with grease an meat and smelt awful. The on

Ken ve asked

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3) Overalls were changed on

weekly basis, but after one da exception was the day the ma aging director of our main c tomer visited the factory, who clean overalls were given only the morning and had to be returned after the visit.

4) The "dollies" containing mince and minced meat formation food were not labelled on his occasion and a guess made so which was which.

5) Meat "on the turn" was re tinely chosen for export to Gitmany on the hasis that if it was off, we could blame the hadies. If the meat had "turned", twas sponged with a detergent of s-

guise the smell. Come to think of it, as tiere have been few BSE cases in Ser-many, perhaps the determine is the antidotel

I M DAVIES ONES
LEGISTER

High price of techno-farming

Sir: The costly side-effects of agrotechnical farming and the adulteration of our food go even deeper than your coverage acknowledges ("Can British

farming go green?", 9 April).

The new technofix, genetic engineering, will soon be obliging us to buy soya bean and cooking oils which have been genetically modified for herbicide resistance. In all probability, these genes have already escaped from freely pollinating crops such as oilseed rape into their wild relatives growing in the hedgerows. This same resistance will also be transferred into related weed varieties. which will render the original her-

hicides useless. Meanwhile, "conventional" herbicides are leaving fields of maize stubble denuded of protective ground cover throughout the winter months and sluicing huge amounts of herbicide-laced topsoil into our rivers. These same chemicals then enter our

> Mid Devon Green Party Tiverton, Devon

Food from the global greenhouse

Sir. The articles in part hree of "Our scorched earth" (April): take a very one-sided view of the role of carbon dioxide in ne atmosphere. There is no mertion that carbon dioxide is, with vater, the main food of green plans, and that increasing the concentration of .1 carbon dioxide in the ar increases the rate of growth of pants.

There is no mentior also of the fact that raising temperature in general increases rate of growth. So, although a rise of sea level, if in takes place, would take land out of cultivation, the productivity of the remainder shouldbe increased.

Instead of regarding carbon dioxide as a poison it would be more sensible to try to ascertain what is its optimum concentration in the air. Have we any reason to think that the present level is ideal? Is it not possible that an equilibrium could be struck at a higher level with more production of carbon dioxide being balanced by higher extraction hy the quicker-growing plants, producing more food?

Dr ROGER JAMES

Southsea, Hampshire

No offence, existentially speaking

A most extraordinary case is going on in the High Court in which a motorist is being prosecuted for more than 1,000 parking offences. Here is an extract from yesterday's proceedings.

Counsel: Can you tell us what your Defendant: Yes, I can.

Counsel: Then please do so. Defendant: My name is Sidney Delba, I am 46 years old, I work as a chartered accountant, I am married with two children, I like country and western music, and I am not ashamed of it ... Judge: Thank you, Mr Delba. Please

confine yourself to answering the question. That is all you need to do in a British court of law. Defendant: Thank you, my lord. Counsel: Now, Mr Delha, can you tell us what happened on the after-

[4 long pause]
Judge: Well, will you therefore do

noon of 16 July 1995?

Defendant: Yes, I can.

Defendant: Do so what, my lord? Judge: Tell us what happened on the afternoon of 16 July 1995? Defendant: Of course, my lord. I did not know that learned counsel wanted me to tell you. All I knew



MILES KINGTON

was that he asked if I was able to tell him. "Can you tell us ...?" he asked. "Yes, I can," I said. Having told him of my ability to do so, I thought my answer had come to an end. Bearing in mind your lordship's advice

Judge: Listen to me, you little whelp. There are many people like you who have sought to make fun of British justice. And it is very easy. We wear ridiculous clothes, we wear laughable wigs and we talk in a kind of English that has never been heard in the street. We know all that. We make fun of it ourselves. So when someone like you comes along and does the same, we are not impressed. Are you with

me. chuck? Defendant: Yes, my lord. Counsel: Now, can you tell us what happened on the afternoon of 16 Defendant: Yes - I parked my car in Kensington High Street in London. Counsel: And when did you return to pick it up? The same day?

Defendant: No. Counsel: When, then? Defendant: I returned to pick it up two years later.

Counsel: Was it still there? Defendant: In essence, yes. Counsel: Could you explain to the court what you mean by in essence? Defendant: I mean it in the Sartrean

Counsel: Could explain to the court what the Sartrean sense of essence

Judge: Why not, Mr Delba?
Defendant: My lord, Jean-Paul Sartre wrote several long books trying to explain the same thing, such as his seminal work Being and Nothingness, and failed to clear it up, so I hardly feel that in a couple of minutes here I shall achieve what Sartre failed to do in his lifetime. Judge: Then why did you invoke the

Froggy philosopher in the first place? Defendant: Because, my lord, when I saw the condition of my car after two years, when I saw what the rain and the weather had done to it, and

the vandals of London W8, and the aphids descending from the lime trees above, I suddenly felt for the time what Sartre meant by Being and Nothingness. My car existed, yes, but its car qualities, its essential carness, had gone.

Judge: I don't know what you're talking about.

Defendant: This is quite a common initial reaction to existential thinking, my lord. Counsel: So, to sum up, you left your

car for two years in a parking place in Kensington and then, when you came to collect it, left it there? Defendant: Yes. Counsel: Did you not end up owing

hundreds of ponnds in parking Defendant: No. I had parked in a Disabled Only parking space. Judge: Ah! And are you, in fact, disabled?

Defendant: In essence, yes. Judge: In what sense?

Defendant: In a Heideggerian sense, my lord. Judge: Lord save us. Let us adjourn

the court for an hour while I get some fresh air and read some PG Wodehouse to regain my sanity. More of this fascinating case

Progress at Holloway prison

Sir. Following your article of 2 tickets and books the berths. The April concerning Holloway and the Board of Visitors' report, I would like to set the record

> The prisoner who attended court in her night clothes did so after refusing to wear her own clothes, which were available to London SE4 her, even after attempts by staff to persuade her to do so.

We have acknowledged that Holloway has faced considerable difficulties and we have also made it clear that action has been and is being taken to deal with the problems. Extra staff have been brought in to improve the regime and increase efficiency, new pest control and cleaning programmes are under way and much progress is being

> RICHARD TILT Director General London SW1

Upside down map-reading

Sir. Your report (6 April) on the first of a series of Ordnance Survey maps designed for cyclists explains that it was made possible by the "sophistication of its computer mapping techniques While applauding this venture I had hoped that OS would by now have employed such skills to repeat on the back of their maps the same area but with reversed legend so that south is at the top. It would make driving down from Scotland and up to Hampshire so much easier without standing on one's head in the car trying to transpose left and right.

ROBERT VINCENT

drinking-water supplies
MARTIN HUGHES-JONES Poles were Holocaust victims too

Sir: Anyone without a detailed knowledge of the history of the Second World War, on reading your editorial (8 April) would gain the impression that the Poles were second only to the Nazis in their determination to destroy the Jewish people. What a gross calumny. It is too often forgotten that the Poles (as a Siavonic people) were also categorised by the Nazis as sub-human and as a result millions of Christian Poles met their deaths

in Auschwitz alongside their Jewish compatriots.

Anti-Semitism undonbtedly existed in Poland hefore the war, but it was also by no means unknown in other European

then can be complacent enough to be certain of their integrity in a country broken and ravaged by Nazi occupation? We were fortunate here in Britain - we were never put to that test.

countries, Britain included. Who

Of course the march of the Polish skinheads was a disgusting exhibition which should have been roundly condemned by the Polish government and clergy. hut to use these facts to sugges wholesale national involvemen in the Holocaust is a repugnan defamation of a courageous and long-suffering nation.

SUSAN JAROS Melrose, Roxburghshi

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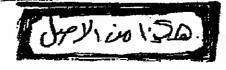
Motor mouth

Sir: Once again (Letters, 6 April) a representative of the AA has been given the opportunity of pronouncing on transport policy. There is a widespread misconception that the views of the AA

reflect those of its member who, in fact, have no means to influencing its pronouncement.
The AA should stick to its proper function of helping motoristin trouble.

> JOHN OF Westcliff-on-Sea, Ex

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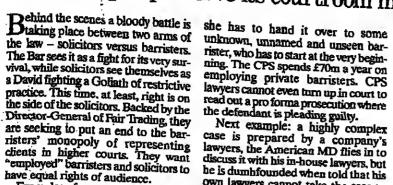
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Barristers: a law unto themselves

In fighting to preserve its courtroom monopoly, the Bar stands firmly in the way of needed reforms



Examples of current practice: a specialist solicitor beavering away in the fire regulations department devotes his whole life to prosecuting restaurants and offices. A boring job, perhaps, but he knows his onions like no one else. He can appear in the magistrates' court as prosecutor, but when it comes to an appeal he has to brief a private bar-rister who probably knows next to nothing about fire regulations. He is unlikely even to speak to the barrister who takes over. Even if he does, there is a 50-50 chance that some other bar-

ster will turn up in court on the day.

If the fate of the fire regulator does not impress, look at the Crown Prosecution Service, which is the main bone of contention, as it employs 650 barris-ters and 1,750 solicitors, none of whom can appear in any higher court. A CPS lawyer, possibly herself a barrister, makes the crucial decision to prosecute, draws up the brief, selects witnesses and shapes the case. But if it goes to jury,

rister, who has to start at the very beginning. The CPS spends £70m a year on employing private barristers. CPS lawyers cannot even turn up in court to read out a pro forma prosecution where

the defendant is pleading guilty.

Next example: a highly complex case is prepared by a company's lawyers, the American MD files in to discuss it with his in-house lawyers but discuss it with his in-house lawyers, but he is dumhfounded when told that his own lawyers cannot take the case to court. An ontside barrister will have to be briefed and the company may not even know which barrister will be available on the day.

However, the Bar Council is fighting to hold on to this monopoly and it looks almost certain to succeed. Until now, using all its well-honed delaying, filibustering and heel-dragging techniques, it has caused six years to pass since Parliament voted for reform of this archaic system. In 1990, Parliament wisely passed the Courts and Legal Services Act to find "new and better ways" of providing legal services, which included letting more solicitors appear in court. A committee was set up to advise and, although much delayed by barristers' rearguard action, finally reported last autumn. (It was split down the middle until the chairman, judge and therefore a barrister, threw his casting vote with the barristers, to the fury of the solicitors.)

Since then, the four senior judges

Why do barristers feel the need for special protection?

and the Lord Chancellor have been deliberating (very slowly). Each one of them has a veto on reform, so it will take just one to refuse for it to fall. Last week, the Independent revealed that Lord Taylor, the Lord Chief Justice, is strongly defending barristers' exclusive rights. That means the judges will probably overrule Parliament's clear intent to widen rights of audience. "Their blocking of the will of Parliament to make this reform is lit-tle short of a public scandal," says Walter Merricks of the Law Society.

The former chairman of the Bar. Peter Goldsmith QC, as you would expect, makes a fine fist of defending barristers. "Though I suppose," he said a trifle wearily, "you may be minded to accuse the Bar of defending restrictive practices?" He talked loftly of the need for checks and balances in a democratic society, while I tried to put aside baser thoughts of barristers' cheques and bank balances.

"The citizen needs protection against the over-mighty state," he said. The more serious cases need an independent mind as a safeguard against abuse." It is, he said, a matter of independence and integrity. I tried not to think of the integrity of the independent barristers' minds who prosecuted the Guildford Four and Indith Ward or who argued in court that the Matrix Churchill defen-dants had no right of access to crucial government documents.

In reality, all barristers and solicitors are employed, whether by the day on the taxi rank, or by annual salary. Their independence of mind resides within their own integrity. As David Pannick QC has written, there are plenty of employed lawyers who spend their time telling their employers unwelcome legal truths, while some other "independent" barristers may earn their money telling clients what they want to hear.

I am not a conspiracy theorist, but the conspiracy of the Bar is in the very air of government, an instinctive breathing together of the fraternity in high places. Who would gain most by letting employed lawyers into court? The Treasury would save millions in all government departments that employ lawyers. But where is the voice of the Chancellor, Kenneth Clarke QC?

The Home Office has a keen interest, but the voice of Michael Howard QC is also silent. The Attorney General, as head of the CPS, should be keenly interested. He has said not a word, but then he is also ex-officio Leader of the Bar. Even the Solicitor-General is a barrister, again strangely silent. Every permanent secretary of the Lord Chancellor's Department has always been a lawyer. Barbara Mills QC, the Director of Public Prosecutions, who stands to gain most in her budget, is a barrister and hardly conspicuous for

her public protest in this matter. In the Commons there are 29 solicitors overpowered by 54 barristers. If we had a tradition that all health ministers should be doctors, would we ever have had any NHS reform unfavourable to doctors?

This is a modest reform, designed to make run of the mill cases faster and cheaper. The brightest and best specialist freelance advocates, the Carmans, Lesters, Mansells, Kennedys and Scriveners, will always be in hot demand. But why can the market not be left to operate freely? Why do barristers feel the need for special protection, denying clients the right to choose who shall represent them, in which courts and at what price?

The judges will have to pronounce soon. They look as if they will vote to protect their own. If so, will an incom-Labour prime minister, married to a QC, promise to break the iron grip

Hey, he's OK, he's one of us

Tony Blair, not BSE, is now the most popular British subject for US chat shows, writes John Carlin

Tony Blair, who begins a three-day visit to the United States today, has timed his visit to perfection. American interest in Britain seldom ranges beyond Emma Thompson and the Royal Family, but the ins and outs of the Mad Cow drama have seized the national imagination to such a degree that people have actu-ally started to take something resembling a glimmer of interest in British politics.

The late night TV talk shows, faithful measures of the lowest common denominator of American popular wisdom. have been tapping a rich vein in Mad Cow jokes. Yesterday, a dentist from Syracuse, New York State, faxed six delirious pages on cannibalism among cows to the Independent office in Washington. The man on the Arlington omnibus has, it seems, gone beyond speculation on the science of bovine dementia and is beginning to wonder what the political fallout in Britain will be, whether the days of John Major (suddenly almost as famous as Hugh Grant) might be

Enter Tony Blair, hitherto an object of curiosity among Washington insiders, who besides meeting with Boutros Boutros Ghali, breakfasting with Henry Kissinger and chatting with President Clinton, will be making his face known in half the households in the country when he appears on Thursday on ABC's Good Morning America. (No prizes for guessing the issue that will dominate the interviewers' agenda.)

The last time a Labour leader made an official visit to the US was in July 1990. Neil Kinnock told reporters be felt "10 foot tall" after a youngster had recognised him on a Manhattan street. He felt even better after President Bush talked to him politely and at length -President Reagan had given him a frosty 20 minutes in 1987 and the American press wrote that he was a nice fellow who just might make it to Downing

A cover story on Mr Blair in the New Yorker in February was New York Times, the Washington Post and the Wall Street Journal have drawn approving attention to Mr Blair's "moderation". He is not a wild-eyed radical like some of his clothcapped Labour forebears, the sub-text went, he is not suspiciously pinko: he talks our language, he's one of us.

Furthermore, in a country where the greatest insult is to be called a "loser", Mr Blair has the air of a man who will flatten Joho Major at the next

It is in Washington, of course, that he will come under the closest scrutiny. His first engagement in the capital will be a cocktail party on Thursday evening at the home of Sidney Blumenthal, the author of the New Yorker's flattering February profile. Among the guests will be senior members of the Clinton Administration and eminences of the Washington Dress cords.

Mr Blumenthal said there was "tremendous" interest in

Interviews have drawn approving attention to Mr Blair's 'moderation'

Mr Blair - primarily because of the perception that Mr Blair is a sort of Son of Clinton, or perhaps rather Clinton's smart younger cousin, and because of the analogies between the New Democrats and new Labour.

"This is a story of somebody who takes control of a political party and tries to remake it in his own image," Mr Blumen-thal said. "Clinton tried to do it first so people are very interested to see how Blair is going about it."

When the two men meet in the White House on Friday morning they are likely, against the backdrop of their looming election battles against conservative opponents, to exchange ideas on how to market a progressive agenda at a time when people are increasingly suspi-

cious of "big government".

Shared political challenges, similarity of styles and a common distaste for John Major the President has not forgotten the Conservative Party's unsavoury support of George Bush in the 1992 election - should make for good chemistry.

"While Clinton's relation-ship with Major has smoothed Prime Minister". Interviews out a bit after a rough begin-published in the last week in the ning," Mr Blumenthal said, "the potential is there in 1997 for a President Clinton and a Prime Minister Blair to enjoy the kind of close, mutually supportive relationship we saw in Reagan and Thatcher, a relationship which - if Blair restores Britain's position in Europe could only boost Britain's inter-

national influence."



Giving nature a helping hand? It would be folly to require all farms to convert to organic systems of production

Photograph: Robert Brook/Environmental Picture Library

Yesterday's Independent asked may not conform to their exacting whether a radical attempt to standards. In surveys many consumers redefine the label attached to British agriculture as the "safest and the greenest" is the only way to ensure the competitiveness of our agricultural industry. In the present climate following the BSE scare many people are asking a similar question. The answer, at least in part, is almost certainly yes, but this does not mean that all of Britain's farms should tomor-

row switch to organic production. The issue should not be polarised. It is not simply a question of whether to change farming techniques or whether organic farming alone is the answer to the industry's problems. Rather, supplying food of the quality and at the price that consumers demand is paramount. Organic food production undoubtedly plays a part out it represents only a part of a diverse and changing industry.

There is not, and never will be, one national label for all British agricultural produce. In fact one of the greatest assets of the British agricultural industry is the very diversity that exists within it. Consumers are looking for value for money when they buy food but value for money for one consumer may mean something com-

pletely different to another. Clearly, the consumer wants food that is safe at a reasonable price but after that simple tenet is established, consumer responses become more complex and varied and at times contradictory. Consumers' demands in relation to such facets as colour, shape and refrigerator life often rest uneasily alongside the marketing of organic produce, where the shape and size

cite their preference for extensively farmed produce over intensively farmed. Yet over the last 10 years it is the consumption of poultry, which tends to be more intensively produced, which has increased by more than 30 per cent in the UK during a period when total meat consumption has declined.

Although a certain greening of UK consumer tastes over the 1990s is detectable, the extent to which this has swept over the entire population is questionable. Organic produce is only a small niche market. British farmers should be encouraged to fill this mar-

Supplying food of the quality and at the price consumers demand is paramount

ket but this an entirely different proposition from switching all UK agricul-ture to organic production.

Surveys highlight the importance consumers attribute to convenience, ease of parking and the time needed to prepare food. Organic food is well down the list of priorities; so much so that Marks & Spencer, for example, no longer stocks organic products because of weak consumer

Much of UK agriculture, while not actually organic, is already produced ods. This includes the traditionally farmed large upland areas, UK farmers have also responded in their uptake of environmental schemes and the UK has been at the forefront in Europe in developing environ-mentally sensitive areas where farmers adjust their production techniques to enhance the environment.

The UK has been the in the forefront of introducing animal welfare legislation in the EU - it is banning stalls and tethers in the pig industry ahead of other EU countries. It will be interesting to see whether the UK consumer will choose British bacon over Danish bacon because of the UK's animal welfare legislation - to date all the evidence suggests that it is relative prices and intrinsic quality that will determine UK market share.

There is a danger that switching to the production of strictly organic food in the narrowest sense would not just damage the UK's share of the food market but place this country's farm produce outside the income range of the poorer sections of our society. While a small number of consumers are willing to pay a premium for organically produced products - thus enabling organic farmers to remain in business - it seems inconceivable that all consumers would be willing to pay this same premium. On average, UK consumers spend around 11 per cent of total consumer expenditure on household food but for poorer sections of society, particularly pensioners and unemployed, this proportion is a lot

What then would be the risks to the British agricultural industry of a rad-

duction? First, the quantity produced would fall significantly. For example organic cereal yields are some 35 per cent lower than conventional ones shifting UK agriculture to organic production would drastically reduce the production of home-grown food and as a consequence considerably

worsen the food trade deficit. Indeed how would British farmers compete with farmers from other countries, both on world export markets and within our own market? Farmers are heing continually encouraged to become more competitive and the protection traditionally afforded them is slowly being removed. If British agriculture

The UK has been at the forefront of the move to environmental in the EU, are favoured by the conthinking

becomes organic it will only survive against this competition, if it can truly differentiate its product from that produced elsewhere and then charge a premium price for it. This may be achieved in some segments of the market but would be all but impossible across the board.

It is also doubtful that such a radical change would be sustainable at a national level. Organic production relies on the use of organic fertilisers or animal waste. If inorganic fertilisers were not used, there would be a using very extensive farming meth- ical shift to widespread organic pro- large increase in the demand for

organic ones. But without a huge increase in the population of farm animals, for which there would be no conceivable consumer demand, the supply of animal manure simply does not exist. The soil would be slowly depleted.

Which direction then should British agriculture take? We have highlighted the move to incorporate environmental thinking and animal welfare standards into agricultural policy mak ing in recent years, a move in which the UK has been very much to the forefront.

From the UK farmer's perspective it is important that the changes he is encouraged to undertake are endorsed by consumer behaviour. This means that consumers actively choose UK pig meat ahead of pig meat produced from systems banned in the UK and that our grazing livestock systems, which are already the most extensive

suming public. In simple terms, any changes to the UK's farming practices must be market-led. To date, while there is a niche for organically produced food with a price premium, UK farmers will quite happily endeavour to meet that demand. But it would be folly, however, if all or even the generality of the UK's farmers were forced to switch entirely over to organic systems of production - that would not just place UK farmers in an uncompetitive position but require them to produce a product for which there was no widespread demand.

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Come on supermarkets, give us those spotty apples

Going through the revolving doors of the supermarkets I am sucked nto a weird world of plastic-wrapped, lossy-packed food products that eem to have no origin. The merhandise is simply there, on shelves. The shelves are supplied from store-ooms hidden behind plastic flaping doors. Beyond that ... nothing. That was before the BSE row began. low I am a little wiser. Now I have carnt what some farmers were feedng their livestock, and what goes on aside an abattoir. Now I have learnt hat boiled animal bones were used for nedicines, sweets, Easter eggs and rake-up; that tomato paste is made

Organic food is too hard to find, says Jeanette Longfield

that antibiotics are used routinely in animal feed to promote growth.

I want to do something to make sure my food is produced humanely. without damaging the environment. with no unnecessary additives or bizarre ingredients or hi-techprocesses, and that it is fresh, safe and nutritions. I wander, with relief, over to the organic food section. Only to find that I need to take out a mortgage for a pound of minced meat, and I have a meagre two choices of apple

with genetically modified organisms; varieties, and that one of those looks organic. But then I've got cats, and rather, well, sad.

I've heard about special schemes where the local organic farmer delivers boxes of fresh goodies to your door each week. I've also heard that, at certain times of the year, all you get is spuds and cabbage, and I'm not sure I like bubble and squeak that much. I could grow my own I suppose. The satisfaction of growing your own broccoli, cutting the florets in the garden to put straight into a pot of boiling water in the kitchen. Cheap, fresh and

doesn't what cats do in the garden do

unspeakably toxic things to your veg? So is it back to the plastic, conventional world of agro-chemically produced, ecosphere-damaging, cruel Frankenfoods?

Not for me. Never mind that organic meat costs more. I'll just buy less of it. Never mind that organic fruit and veg looks a bit odd. I'll get used to it and, anyway, it's tasty. I'l join one of those organic delivery schemes -I'm sure Delia has lots of wonderful

recipes for cabbage, and I'm going to put those broccoli seeds in this weekend. And just for good measure, I'll be sending my cheque to a charity campaigning for action.

In the meantime, I shall march through those supermarket revolving doors and ask to see the manager. want food with character, flavour and a known pedigree - I want food I can trust. Perhaps, as I walk out, I'll say: "I shall shop elsewhere."

The writer is co-ordinator of the National Food Alliance, an umbrella body for voluntary organisations and charities, but is writing in a personal capacity.

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Ben Johnson

Some Hollywood actors are so naturally saddle-happy that it's odd to see them wearing a suit. Ben Johnson was pre-eminent among these; he had been a cowboy and all but a few of his films were westerns. One that wasn't was The Last Picture Show (1971), in which be was Sam the Lion, who ran the town's movie bouse, its pool ball, garage and cafe, ft was a tank town deep in the heart of Texas in the early 1950s, ironically enough allowing Johnson to wear the cowboy duds of that era. He brought to the role his customary understated benevolence, a quality needed as bc advised the young bloods - Jeff Bridges, Timot by Bottoms - on the Utah-Arizona border.
The best that might be said that prime concern of all movie

youth, sex.
Jobnson had originally turned down the role because the youths and their girls were seen naked from time to time, but was talked into it by John Ford, who owed a favour or two to its director, Peter Bogdanovich (who had made a documentary and written a book about Ford about him). The performance brought Johnson the year's Oscar for Best Supporting Actor.

Ford was Johnson's mentor, and as in the case of John Wayne (with whom Johnson ap-

peared in a handful of Wayne's last films) he plucked him from doubling and stunt work to make him an actor. He bad practically grown up on horseback, and had arrived in movies as a wrangler on Howard Hughes's The Outlaw (1943). In 1948 Ford made him one of the patrolmen in the fifth film version (Ford had also directed one in 1919) of Three Godfathers. He played soldiers in two of Ford's cavalry trilogy, She Wore a Yel-low Ribbon (1949) and Rio Grande (1950), but more im-portantly he played the lead for him in Wagonmaster (1950), the man in charge of the Mormon wagon train heading westward to found a settlement on

of this performance is that he resembled George O'Brien, the hero of Ford's silent westerns. Johnson was not natural star material, as he had already proved in Mighty Joe Young (1949). Ernest B. Schoedsack's jokey re-vamp of his own and Merian Cooper's King Kong. He settled into supporting roles, such as the member of the Ryker gang causing all the trou-ble for Alan Ladd and the homesteaders in Shane (1953). Johnson was equally adept at being honest or evil, and as the

years passed became a weight-ier actor, notably good in Bran-do's Freudian western One-eyed Jacks (1961), as one of a couple of bandits whose relationship seems more intimate than a mere partnership.

Johnson was lost, playing a trooper again for Ford, in that director's penultimate, all-name disaster, Cheyenne Autumn (1964), but he did solid work for the two directors - above all others - who had inherited Ford's mantle, Tom Gries with Will Penny (1968) and Sam Peckin-pah, with Major Dundee (1965) and The Wild Bunch (1969). In the first of these be was the rancher who gives a winter job to the grizzled veteran Charlton Heston, while in Peckinpah's two films he was, respectively, one of Heston's sergeants and a dastardly member of Robert

Ryan's gang.
He was, gratifyingly, as constant a member of Peckinpah's stock company as Warren Oates, and Peckinpah made him one of his most devious villains in The Getaway (1972), as the member of the parole board who springs Steve McQueen from jail, arranges for him to lead a beist and then doublecrosses him all down the line. He was again excellent as an ex-perienced radeo promoter in

Peckinpab's Junior Bonner (1972), also with McQueen. He was the meanest of sheriffs in James Frawley's under-rated comic western Kid Blue (1973) and outstanding in John Milius's Dillinger (1973), as Melvin Purvis, the FBI man who hunt-ed down Dillinger, who was Warren Oates. He was the officer in charge

the operation to recapture William Atherton, and Goldie Hawn, in The Sugerland Express (1974), but not at his best as the nurdered girl's angry father in Robert Aldrich's Husle (1975); but then Aldrich never was a di-rector to restrain actors. As Hollywood lost interest in the western, Johnson's credits became less interesting; and he continued to work, still mainly in the saddle, in television. In 1985 he established the Ben Johnson Celebrity Rodeo at the Lazy E Arena in Guthrie, Oklahoma, to raise money for the Children's Medical Research Inc, and he later endowed the Ben Johnson Research Chair in Pediatric Cancer Research at the University of Oklahoma.

David Shipman

Ben Johnson, actor: born Paw-huska, Oklahoma 20 June 1920: died Mesa, Arizona 8 April 1996.



Jeffrey Lee Pierce

Rock music has had its hearuful losers (Jim Morrison, lan Curtis, Kurt Cobain) but the American singer and songwriter Jeffrey Lee Pierce was more in the mould of the late Johnny Thunders (of New York Dolls and Heartbreakers fame) and Malcolm Owen (of Britain's Ruts), one of those musicians who never quite fulfil their potenual yet follow their destiny to its inescapable conclusion. Titles like "Walking With the Beast", "Bad America" and "Wildweed" now seem sad portents of what was to come.

Born in Texas in 1958, Jeffrey Lee Pierce later moved to the West Coast, Los Angeles was one of the few American cities to follow the British and New York punk scene and the young Jeffrey soon became obsessed with Blondie to such an extent that he became president of their fan club la couple of years earlier, a teenage Morrissey developed a similar unhealthy fascination with the New York Dolls, another proof that fandividends).

In 1979, following in the footsteps of the Germs, the Dead Kennedys and the Dickies, Pierce formed his own punk band, Creeping Ritual. He still made eods meet by working hard in a record store and contributing to music fanzines but, less enabled Pierce to sign his

Gun Club, an impressive four-piece (also featuring Kid Congo Powers on guitar. Rob Ritter on bass and Terry Graham on drums) who seemed to create their own brand of swampy, ramshackle, psychotic, hluesinfluenced music.

Reflecting the singer's burgeoning interest in the blues, Fire of Love, Gun Club's début album, included possessed covers of Robert Johnson's "Preaching the Blues" and Tommy Johnson's "Cool Drink of Water" aloogside Pierce's own compositions ("Sex Beat", "She's Like Heroin to Me") which already reflected his unhealthy fascination for the seamier side of rock 'n' roll. Originally released on the LAbased Ruby Label, Fire of Love attracted much interest in Europe and was picked up by the Beggars Banquet (abel for the UK while France's New Rose acquired the rights for that territory. The Parisian rock élite. always in love with tragic figures like Morrison, Thunders and hero.

But, just as Gun Club seemed about to capitalise on this early critical acclaim, the Cramps pinched the guitarist Kid Kongo (ne Brian Tristan) to replace refugee Kid Congo). the departing Brian Gregory. Still the momentum nevertheby 1981, he was at the helm of band to Animal Records, a la-

bel set up by the Blondie gui-tarist Chris Stein. The latter acted as producer on Miami, the second Gun Chub album, which also featured Debbie Harry on backing vocals. This was a more ambitious offering, from the re-working of Creedence Clear-water Revival's "Run Through the Jungle" to the voodoo feel of "Like Calling Up Thunder" and "Devil in the Woods". Gun Club looked like serious con-tenders but, by 1984's "Las Ve-gas Story" (which would have formed an apt soundtrack for the Mike Figgis Oscar-nominated Leaving Las Vegas movie) Pierce's boozy and druggy life-style had started to overshadow the music. After the Fur Bible offshoot ambitious offering, from the re-

After the Fur Bible offshoot and the bassist Patricia Morrisoo's departure for the richer and more bombastic pastures of Sisters of Menos Pierce went solo marceness Wildweed, a prefe focused collection which included the strangely prophet-ic formation the August in Hell". By then, his influence could be felt on the work of rootsier American outfits like audieoce. His demise is anoth-Greeo oo Red and on the new direction taken by Nick Cave roll life-style can also lead to and his Bad Seeds (which featured for a time the Gun Club

In 1987 Pierce reformed Gun Jeffrey Lee Pierce, singer, guitarist, Club. recording with Robin composer: born Texas 27 June Guthrie of the Cocteau Twins 1958; married Romi Mori; died as producer. The singer lived for Los Angeles 31 March 1996.

a time in London and gigged fitfully around Europe, doing strange versions of jazz standards (John Coltrane's "A Love Supreme". Billie Holiday's "Strange Fruit") and releasing disappointing albums of past and recent concerts on many labels (Two Sides of the Beast on Dojo for instance). In 1993, the last Gun Club album, ironically entitled Lucky Jim, featured his Japanese wife, Romi Mori, on bass. This was to be the last gasp of a career which had patently lost its direction, Indeed, in interviews, an increasingly bitter Pierce had begun to refer to his work as being "full. of weaknesses".

With his tousled blood-dyed: hair, Jeffrey Lee Pierce was in many ways the archetypal American cult musician, at the crossroads of many musical styles (the goth scene, the swamp blues now revived by G Love & Special Sance) which later came to prominence. It's a pity this peripheral figure found the bottle and the oceer sad reminder that the rock 'n' oblivion.

Pierre Perrone



In many ways the archetypal American cult musician: Pierce with Gum Chab in 1991 Photograph: Susan Moore / Redfems

Professor Peter Nailor

Peter Nailor - public servant. scholar, university teacher, intellectual entrepreneur and raconteur - was one of those erudite yet tidy-minded allrounders whose like we may not see again in a senior civil service shaped by the performance indicator and modern managerial techniques.

His kaleidoscopic career took him from arranging the invita-tions to the Spithead Review in Coronation Year via a pioneering spell in the intensely secret world of ouclear weapons after the Macmillan government acquired Polaris for the Royal Navy, through chairs of both Politics at Lancaster University and History at the Royal Naval College to the Provostship of Gresham Col-lege, a post he filled until his

In a country where the harriers between professions have, wartime apart, remained ludiously and harmfully high. Nailor leapt them with cheerful abandon, leaving a life-enhancing legacy wherever he landed. He oever filled the very highest positions in public service or the university world (though that 16th-century foundation, Gresham College, has a very special éclat), but he left a distinctive flavour in both, thanks particularly to his great gifts as a conversationalist and an analyst of British politics in general and defence policy in particular. His deep insight was lightly worn and beguilingly

transmitted. Nailor's literary output, though small, captured this. The Nassau Connection, ready for publication at least a decade before security clearance was finally afforded it in 1988, is a fascinating account of the procurement of the Polaris system based both on the documents and on Nailor's direct experience as the administrator within the Ministry of Defence's

Polaris Executive. His Learning from Precedent in Whitehall, commissioned by

His work on Polaris was probably the most important assignment in his 17 years in the Civil Service. The project still stands out as that rarity - an enterprise that came in on time

his last posting in the MoD, as head of its post-Fulton report "planning unit", Defence Sec-retariat 22, suited his forwardlooking and speculative mind.

Nailor's transfer to academic life in 1969 was made with brio. He made full use of his Whitehall contacts and his large flat on the roof of Lonsdale College became Lancaster's choicest intellectual salon. He was the kindest of teachers and colleagues but, perbaps wisely, be felt a oeed to shift from the university world before the fun was squeezed out of it by the dead weight of administration.

Nailor returned to the service of the Royal Navy in 1977 as Professor of History and International Affairs at Greenwich. He relished his exquisite surrouodings and offered regular hospitality in the painted hall with a characteristic Nailorism - "Dress up for the surroundings: dress down for

the food. It was perhaps his last job, however, as Provost of Gresham College in the City of London from 1988, that saw the finest flowering of Natior-thescholarly-entrepreneur. It was a kind of homecoming for a former Mercers' schoolboy given the company's intimate connection with Gresham - a singular and ancient institution which has always had professors, hul never students. And with a revived governing body and the superb assistance of the college's administrator, Maggie Butcher, Nailor presided over a renaissance in the fortunes and reputation of Sir Thomas Gresham's intellectual bene-

faction to the City of London. Gresham College provided the ideal last setting for a man of Nailor's width and humanty and the trace of his rich, droll and modulated tones will linger long in the rafters of its Holbom home in Barnard's Inn Hall.

Peter Nailor, civil servant and historian: born 16 December 1928; First Lord's Representative order. Admirally Interview Board 1960 lege 1988-96; died London 5 April 1996.

Bernard Lepetit

Bernard Lepetit was knocked down by a car whilst jogging in Versailles and died of his injuries. He was aged 47. Widely regarded as one of the outstanding historians of his generation, he was the Director of Historical Research at the Ecole des Hautes Etudes en Sciences Sociales in Paris. He was also one of the directors of the famous review. Annales, which has, for many people in the Western world, been the outstanding historical periodical since before and after the Second World War.

Lepetit was recognised as being a scholar of remarkable ability, and it was confidently expected that through his work and through the research of his associates he would become one of the great figures of French historical writing.

In recent years it has often been said that, in a country which was famous for its intellectuals, France seemed never to have found a successor to

Jean-Paul Sartre, to Raymond Arou, to Michel Foucault, or to others who had disappeared or fallen silent. But the exception was the study of history.

French historians always seemed to flourish and to attract admiration wherever history was studied. In particular there was the period where Ferdinand Braudet laid down the law, insisting that historians should absorb the work of other disciplines (geography, anthropology, economics) and should study the tendencies that were to be seen over vast periods of time. This was "la Nouvelle Histoire*

Lepetit claimed that this way of studying history had had its day. And he had the boldness to do so from the Annales, which bad been Braudel's fortress. He pointed out that history was a social discipline. It bad to be taught. The Braudel legacy meant either that there was a gap between the research historians were carrying out

and the history they were teaching. Or it meant that historians were going to ignore the com-mon market of historical imperatives that Braudel had left and simply return to narrative and diplomatic history, which was disappointing.

Lepetit's argument was that the activities of men and women were what counted, rather than the weight of macro-economics or the stifling limitations of social structural theory. In his first book, which was a study of French towns between the 18th and the 19th centuries, it was not enough to look for statistics. One should not study a town such as Angers by the same methods that one bad used when studying a more com-mercial urban centre, like Rouen. By virtue of studying the activities of the populations of towns it was possible to see the importance of politics in making a town the centre of an ad-

nomic plane; nor, like some English urban historians, pay attention only to the quality of life. Politics count in social history.

Thus Brandel was wrong, when studying the archives of Spain in the Mediterranean, to be excited only by the details of shipping and cargoes. The documents that he turned over with impatience contained accounts of the actions of men, and they should bave been studied. Equally, because it was thought important to study history over long periods of time, the French Revolution has almost ceased to exist as a subject. Rather there is the growing decline of the Ancien Régime, and the problem is why did it cease to function rather than

wby a revolution broke out. Lepetit named himself an historian of towns and of space. His aim was to transform social history. In 1995 be edited a book which includes contributions ministrative hierarchy. One cannot remain on a purely eco- end of the Middle Ages, different types of sovereignty in the Islamic states of the Mediterranean, the French naval industry at the end of the 19th century, the study of the Malthusian interpretation of population growth, and sever-al others. This was not, explained Lepetit, a junk-shop. It was to illustrate bow the concents of social history were relevant to different subjects in

different periods. Lepetit was passionate about history which he had taught in the University of Paris I before going to the Hautes Etudes. His books, Les Villes dans la France moderne (1988), Une Ecole pour les sciences sociales (1996), Les Formes de l'expérience (1995) are published in France by Alhin Micbel and in England by the Cambridge University Press.

Donglas Johnson Bernard Lepetit, historian: born 28 August 1948; married (three children); died Versailles 31 March 1996.

MacArthur to escape to the Philippines. Appointed by President Kennedy in 1961 commanding officer at Guantanamo, Cuba. Christopher Headington, composer, pianist and writer, died 19 March, aged 65. Student of Lennox Berkeley, who introduced him to Benjamin Britten. Wrote biographies of Britten (1981) and the tenor Peter

Vice-Admiral John Bulkeley.

died Silver Spring, Maryland 6 April, aged 84. In 1942, com-

manded the patrol torpedo

boot that broke through Japan-

ese lines and allowed General

Pears (1992). Carl Stokes, politician, died Cleveland, Ohio 3 April, aged 68. The first black Democrat in the Ohio House of Representatives in 1962; five years later became the first black mayor of a major US city, Cleveland. Hjalmar Hvam, skier, died Portland, Oregon, 30 March, aged 93. The first winner, in 1936, of the oldest ski race in the US, the Golden Rose at Mount Hood; in 1937 designed the first self-release ski binding.

the Institute of Contemporary British History and published in 1991, could only have been fashioned by someone who trod the corridors of policy-making and the paths of scholarship with equal case.

and within the budget. Though

62; member, Polaris Executive 1962-67: Assistant Secretary. Ministry of Defence 1967-69; Professor of Politics, Lancaster University 1969-77, Professor of History, Royal Naval College, Greenwich 1977-88, Dean 1982-84, 1986-88; Chairman, British International Studies Association 1983-86; Provost, Gresham Col-

BIRTHS

BOYLE/CORNER: On 29 March 1996 to Helco and Andrew, a son, George Christopher James Corner,

CHIDWICK: On Saturday 6 April 1996 at Maidstone, to Sandra and Russell Chidwick, a son, Joshua Kenneth. GILL: On 22 March, at King's College Hospital, to Pip and Richard, a hand-some son Casper Woodrow, a broth-

BALLEY: On 4 April 1996, to Sally (née Creasy) and Nicholas, two daughters, Alice and Lucy, sisters for Chioe. RENDALL: On 29 March, to Cather-me and Wilfrid, a daughter Olivia Margaret Diana, a sister to Edward, Rosalind and James.

RICKETT: Sir Raymond Mildmay Wil-son, CBE, died & April 1996, beloved husband of Naomi and loving father of Kimiyo, Guy and Vanessa. Family functal at Charing Crematorium on Thursday 18 April 1996, Memorial service to be announced later. Fun-

SAVAGE: On 6 April Richard Temple Savage MBE, peacefully at home, in

WINTERSON: Patrick, died peacefully on Friday 5 April 1996. Funeral ser-number is 0171-293 2000.

Births. Marriages & Deaths

vice at St Peter's Church, Barton, Cambridge, on Monday 15 April at 11.30am. Flowers c/o Harry Williams & Sons, 7 Victoria Park, Cambridge.

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Birthdays

Mr Lyndon Brook, actor, 70; Lord Brookes, former company chair-man, 37; Professor J. Desmond Clark, anthropologist and archae-ologist, 80; Sir Anthony Cleaver, chairman, United Kingdom Atomic Energy Authority, 58; Sir Edward Evans-Lombe, High Court judge, 59; Vice-Admiral Sir Alastair Ewing. 87; Mr George Fyfe, chairman, Co operative Wholesale Society, 55; Mr Patrick Gorland, theatre and film di-rector, 61; Mr Addan Henri, poet and former president, Liverpool Academy of Arts, 64; Mr John Holroyd, Secretary for Appointments to the Prime Minister, 61; Miss Gloria Hunniford, radio and television pre-senter, 56; Mr Owen Kelly, former Commissioner of Police for the City of London, 64; Professor Kathleen Major, former Principal, St Hilda's College, Oxford, 90; Mr Stan Mellor, racehorse trainer and former jockey, 59; Mr David Moorcroft, athlete, 43: Sir Robert Rhodes James, historian and former MP. 63- M Maurice Schumann, author and politician, 85; Mr Omar Sharif, actor, 64; Mr Thomas Spencer, MEP, 48; Mr Christopher Stoddart, man-

aging director, GMTV, 46; Mr Paul

Theroux, author, 55; Mr Max von and physicist, 1813; Alexander Nas-Sydow, actor, 67.

Anniversaries

Births: James V. King of Scotland. 1512, Hugo Grotius (Huig de Groot), jurist and theologian, 1583; John Wilmot, second Earl of Rochester, Wilmor, second Earl of Rochester, poet and courtier, 1647; Sir John Pringle, physician, 1707; Christian Friedrich Samuel Hahnemann, founder of humeopathy, 1755; William Hazlitt, essayist and critic, 1778; Commodore Manthew Calbraith Perty, naval officer, 1794; Auguste-Joseph Franchomme, cellist, 1808 Levis Wallage, propeliet author. Auguste-Joseph Franchomme, cellist, 1808; Lewis Wallace, povelist, author of Ben Hur. 1827; William Booth, founder of the Salvation Army, 1829; Joseph Pulitzer, newspaper propri-etor and founder of the Prizes, 1847; Arthur Melville, painter, 1855; Eu-gene (Eugen) Francis Charles D'Al-bert, pianist and composer, 1864; George William Russell (AE), poet, 1867. George Arliss (George Augustus Andrews), actor, 1868, Claire Booth Luce, playwright, 1903; Robert Burns Woodward, organic chemist, 1917. Deaths: Agostino Agazzari, composer, 1640; William Chesciden, surgeon. 1752; Joseph-Louis Lagrange, astronomer, mathematician

myth, painter, 1840; Giovanni Battista Amki, astronomer and optician, 1863; Jean-Baptiste André Dumas, chemist, 1884; Algernoo Charles Swinburne, poet, 1909; Stanley John Weyman, novelist, 1928; Khalil Gibran, writer, 1931; Edgar Middeton, journalist and playwright, 1939; Auguste-Marie Louis Lumière, cine pioneer, 1954; Arthur Ben-jamia, composer, 1960; Michael Curtiz (Mihaly Kertesz), film director. 1962; Evelyn Arthur St John Waugh, novelist, 1966; Antonia White, jour-nalist and novelist, 1980. On this day: bananas were first displayed in a Lon-don shop window, 1633; the Prussians defeated the Antonian. deleated the Austrians at the Banle of Mollwitz, 1741: the United States patent system was established, 1790 Napoleon's army under General Soult was defeated by the Allies in the Battle of Toulouse, 1814, the first British settlers arrived at Algon Bay, in the Eastern Cape, South Africa, 1820; the Catholic Emancipation Bill was passed by Parliament, 1829; the New York Tribune (later Hendd-The Martyrs under the Danes. Tribune) was first published, 1841; the Charlists met on Kennington Common, London, and presented their petition to Parliament, 1848; George Eliot's novet The Mill on the Floss was

published, 1860: Finland was granted a constitution by Russia, 1861; the Archduke Maximilian of Austria became Emperor of Mexico, 1864; Phineas T. Barnum's circus first opened, Brooklyn, New York, 1871; Vimy Ridge was finally taken by the Canadian troops, 1917; Paul von Hindenburg was re-elected President of Germany, 1932; the German battle-ships Blucher and Karlsuhe were sunk 1940; the aircraft carrier HMS Hermes was sunk by Japanese dive bombers in the Bay of Bengal, 1942, the US Senate passed the Civil Rights Bill, 1960; the US submarine Thresher was lost off Cape Cod, with all the crew of 125, 1963; over 3,000 people were killed after severe earthquakes occurred in Iran, 1972; Golda Meir resigned as prime min-ister of Israel, 1974, the first London performance of the musical show Chicago was staged, 1979. Today is the Feast Day of St Bademus, St Fulbert of Chartres, St Macarius or Macaire of Ghent. St Michael de Sanctis, St Paternus of Abdinghof and

Lectures

National Gallery: Humphrey Wine, Curators and Conservators (ii): two paintings by Pierre Peyron", Tate Gallery: Edward Allington, "Still But Not Silent", Ipm. British Museum: Barbara Brend, 'Moghul Palace Forts', 1.15pm.

Wills

Miss Mary Madge Lascelles, of Cromer, Norfolk, former Reader in English Literature at Oxford University and English luter at Somerville 1931-60, left estate valued at £534,151 net. She teft £10,000 to Lady Margaret Hall, Oxford, and £116,100 each to the Friends of the Bodician Library, NSPCC, RNLI and the Royal Start and Garter Home. Mr Arthur Sidney Martin, of Avie-scot, Oxfordshire, a member of the Security Services 1946-64 and an officer with the Secret Intelligence Service 1964-69, left estate valued at £437,916 net.

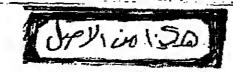
Mr William Howard Vincent Levett, of Rye, East Sussex, "Hopper" Lev-ett, the former Kent wicket-keeper, left estate valued at £590,874 net. Mr Peter Crichton Kirkpatrick, of Bournemouth, Dorset, former oarsman with the Thames Rowing Club. left estate valued at £788,356 pet. The Hon Mrs Edith Honor Betty Earl, of London SW7, the portrait painter, left estate valued at £553,621

Mr William Dickson, of fildey, West Yorkshire, finance director of Grans-da Television 1976-82, left estale valued at £228,351 net.

Mr Michael John Dutfield, of Ealing, London W5, the letevision producer who made documentaries in Usler, Beirut, Bosnia, Sudan and Southern Africa, left estate balued at \$522,917 and at £522,917 net.

The Marquise Violet Evelyn de Ra-vigny, of London SW15, left estate valued at £81,610 net. Sir Philip Courts Antrobus, of West Amesbury, Salisbury, Wiltshire, left estate valued at £3,232,672 net. Violet Mary Teresa, Lady Briscoe Beaconsfield, Buckinghamshire estate valued at £4,763,366 net-

Changing of the Guard The Household Cavalry Mounted Regiment mounts the Queen's Life Gunn hich mounts ine Queen's Lie Guard.
At Horse Guards, Han; Ist Battalion
Welsh Guards mounts the Queen's
Guard, at Buckingham Palace.
11.30am, band provided by the



CITY & BUSINESS EDITOR: JEREMY WARNER

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Mixed bag: Industrial production disappoints while buying on the high street suggests growth in confidence among consumers

Output trend hits three-year low sales recovery

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in February was at its weakest since the exchange rate crisis in September 1992, government

statisticians reported yesterday.

The likelihood that manufacturing industry is firmly in re-cession fuelled City expectations that Chancellor Kenneth Clarke will cut the cost of borrowing one more time -despite a call for caution on interest rates from the Treasury's independent advisers and further evidence of high street

Sitting on his hands might be the best approach at the mocut base rates," predicted Simon Briscoe, an economist at investment bank Nikko Europe. Manufacturing output was virtually flat in February. Its lev-

el in the latest three months was

0.5 per cent lower than the previous three months.

Total industrial output was up The trend in industrial output 0.1 per cent during the same period. A rebound in energy production due to colder weather took it 0.4 per cent higher during the month.

The Office for National Statistics (reptacing the CSO) said the trend in both manufacturing and total output was flat. Manufacturing has now been static for three months, while the trend in industrial output dropped from 0.5 per cent growth to zero for the first

time since September 1992.

Analysts played down the significance of the weak figures, while admitting that they gave Mr Clarke an excuse to cut base rates if he wanted to. An expected cut in German interest

rates would also help. Kevin Darlington at brokers Hoare Govett said: "The econing is sluggisb but the firmness of underlying demand is show-ing through." Last year's excess stock levels were being run

Sean Shepley at investment bank CSFB said: "These figures tell us that demand was weak last year. It would be a mistake to set policy on the basis of a lag-

ging indicator." Barring an unexpectedly big jump in output in March, man-ufacturing output is likely to have fallen for two successive quarters. This would put it technically in recession, and could point to further job cuts in industry after a decline of 27,000 in January.

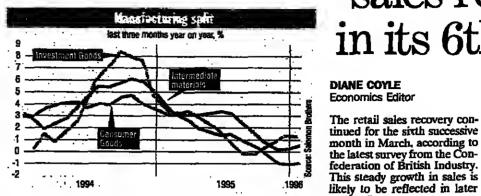
It would also mean a weak figure for GDP growth in the first quarter of this year, as manufacturing accounts for about a quarter of the economy. The Chancellor and Governor of the omy is poised between two Bank of England have tended

conflicting forces. Manufactur-ing is sluggish but the firmness in GDP in their policy

By the time they next meet on 8 May, the two men will have the preliminary estimate of first-quarter growth, which could show a smaller rise than the fourth quarter's 0.5 per

The meeting will also come shortly before the publication of the Bank's next quarterly Inflation Report. This is expected to say, as the latest one does, that the Government is more likely than not to meet its inflation target. Yesterday's figures showed

faster growth in production of consumer durables, which rose 2.1 per cent in the latest three months. Output of both nondurable consumer goods and intermediate goods increased slightly. However, production of investment goods declined due also been weak in recent to a drop in transport equip-



ment such as railway rolling stock and aerospace. There were mixed fortunes in manu-February but could be affected by the beef scare in March and facturing. Apart from the trans-

biggest component of manufacturing - have been stronger. Chemicals output rose 0.8 per drink and tobacco industry has cent in February to a new record, driven by pharmaceuti-cals and artificial fibres.

er than the previous month's, On the other hand, trends in there was a big jump in the volume of orders placed with sup-pliers to the highest level for chemicals and engineering - the more than two years. Retailers expect a strong advance in April sales even though their high expectations for last month

were disappointed. Sudhir Junankar, a CBI economist, said: "The continued expansion in the retail trade is encouraging as it suggests that consumers are becoming more confident and willing to spend more freely." Whether retailers' confidence was well-placed

DIANE COYLE

official figures.

Economics Editor

The retail sales recovery con-

tinued for the sixth successive

the latest survey from the Con-

federation of British Industry.

This steady growth in sales is

Although the increase in sales votumes was slightly low-

would depend on better Easter trading this year than last, he said. The balance of retailers reporting higher sales compared to those reporting a decline in the year to March was 27 per cent, compared with 30 per

cent in February. The balance

dipped slightly to 42 per cent from the extremely buoyant 45

per cent in March. Reflecting both the recent improvement in sales volumes and these optimistic expectations of the future trend, the balance increasing their orders with suppliers jumped to 21 per cent from 10 per cent in

February.

A growing number of respondents think sales votumes are above average for the time of year. The strongest growth last month was in areas closest to the housing market. The hardware, china and DIY sector reported the biggest volume increase, followed by durable bousebold goods. Sales of furniture and carpets were bealthy but down on February's substantial increase.

There were also significant improvements in sales at bookselters and clothing stores. Footwear and specialist food stores reported declines.

Further anecdotal evidence of the retail revival was provided by the latest weekly figures for John Lewis. The department store and Waitrose supermarket group said sales had been more than satisfactory", up 21.6 per cent in the nine weeks to 30 March compared with the expecting an increase in April same period a year earlier.

Panel says Clarke has little room for manoeuvre

DIANE COYLE Economics Editor

The Treasury's panel of independent advisers warned Chancellor Kenneth Clarke that be bas almost no room for ma-

cuts this year.

TOM STEVENSON

Shares in London shrugged off Monday's heavy falls in New York, with the FT-SE 100 index

reversing early losses to close 3.0

silience put paid to fears that

Wall Street's nerves would spill

over onto European bourses

and the American market itself

London was given a boost by

a sluggisb British manufactur-

ing report which confirmed the

continuing weakness of eco-

nomic growth and rekindled

hopes that interest rates could

still have further to fall. British

manufacturing output was un-changed in February and rose

just 0.4 per cent from a year ear-

lier. Industrial output, which in-

cludes utilities and mines, rose

0.4 per cent in February and 1.2

Attention had focused on

the equity market because

stronger than expected US pay-

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terday afternoon.

City Editor

nocuvre on interest rates or tax

argue that policy needs to be extremely cautious if the Government wants to hit its inflation

"Most of us do not think that the next move in interest rates should necessarily be downwards, and some of us feel that there is already or could soon In the first of their two reports be a good case for raising inthis year, the six "wise persons" terest rates if the Government

roll figures last Friday served as

a worrying reminder that the American economy was grow-

ing probably too fast to allow any further cuts in US rates.

Wall Street fell 88 points on

Monday, after a 130 point

gerously like a re-run of the 170

point slump a month ago fol-

lowing bumper February em-

140,000 non-farm jobs created

in March - double the 70,000

consensus estimate - and a

smaller than expected down-

ward revision of the buge

705,000 February payroll in-crease to 624,000 confirmed

the American economy was

was barder hit with the yield on

the benchmark 10-year government bond, an indicator of

future interest rate expecta-

8.11 per cent. In the US, the 30-

year treasury bond ended a five-

Swiss banking giants

day slide.

tions, rising 8 basis points to

The gilt market in London

growing at a healthy pace.

ployment figures.

US fears fail to

affect City

points higher last night. That re- morning fall that looked dan-

is serious about achieving its inflation objective," the report, released yesterday, concludes. The exception was Professor Patrick Minford of Liverpool University, taking the minority view that the economy has plent

of spare capacity.
Similarly, only Professor Minford argued that there was

cuts of £2-£3bn in this year's Budget. Indeed, balf of the panel's members suggested that either tax increases or further government spending cuts are necessary. These recommendations are

based on the Government's 2.5 per cent target for inflation exford argued that there was cluding mortgage interest pay- lor's views, that the pace of scope for more than token tax ments. The independent growth will pick up during the

economists do not think Mr course of the year. Most reck-Clarke can achieve both the in- on this will allow unemployment flation target and his forecast that GDP will grow by 3 per cent his year. The panel's average forecast for growth is 2.2 per cent, ranging from 1.8 to 2.5 per cent. The majority believe, in a subdued echo of the Chancellor's views, that the pace of

port sector, there was a sharp

decline in the output of the

coke, petrol refining and nuclear

power industries. The food,

months. Its output picked up in

to continue its decline, although not falling below 2 million on the claimant count measure until 1997.

The exception to this is Gavyn Davies of Goldman Sachs, who thinks there could be a temporary rise in the job-

Society under fire for 'delays' over Robinson

NIC CICUTTI

Lawyers acting for Peter Robin-son, the Woolwich chief executive forced to resign for alleged financial irregularities, yesterday criticised the building society for failing to provide them of the details of his alleg use of resources.

DJ Freeman, the London law firm representing Mr Robinson, said it could not understand why there should be a two-week delay before it would receive written details of the

allegations against him. Irene Grieves, a spokes-woman for the firm, said: "One would assume that if he committed a series of improprieties so serious that they led to his resignation, they would already

be in writing.
"It is bard to understand why the report supposedly compiled by the Woolwich's internal auditors is not being made available to us."

Mr Robinson, 54, was ousted by the society a week ago, barely three months after taking up his post as chief executive, after working at the Woolwich for

about 32 years.
His departure comes as the society prepares for a £3bn stock market flotation in August next year. More than 3.5 million savers are hoping to receive free shares worth about £800 each from the planned flotation.

Mr Robinson resignation followed allegations that be misused society resources, including having decorating and gardening work carried out at his £450,000 home in the village of Brasted in Kent.

He was also alleged to have authorised the use of a Range Rover for his family, ptus other, so far unexplained, financial irregularities.

National Counties Building Society - which has just one branch - was yesterday forced to close its doors to a flood of investors desperate to open accounts with the society, writes

It follows press reports that Epsom, Surrey, be taken over its members could be in line for payonts worth np to £4,500

John Milton, the society's general manager, said: "We have bad very considerable interest and we have temporarily suspended the opening of accounts."

With just 6,500 borrowers and 16,000 savers, National Connties would never have been seen as a likely takeover target - until last week. Ranked the 30th largest society in the UK, it has reserves of more than £70m, which some experts believe would value it at about

Mr Robinson bas steadfastly denied the allegations, claiming that he was the victim of a concerted smear attack masterminded by a "war office" at the society.

He blames disgruntled staff at Woolwich after be was forced to make a series of redundancies within the group, and is claiming compensation worth £600,000 for the sudden end to

his two-year contract. A society spokesman said yesterday: "Our lawyers are talking with Mr Robinson's and at the moment we have nothing more to add.

Meanwhile, the society yes-

terday denied rumours that it has entered into talks with Mike Jackson, chief executive at Birmingham Midshires, as a possible replacement.

discuss £32bn merger the bill of more than £8bn in mium would be £1.9bn while the losses in the past five years. large overlaps on the debt trading and derivatives businesses to be an announcement by the Department of Trade and In-Lloyd's of London, the belea-Market sources said yesterday guered insurance market, looks dustry believes that it will be at that any higher amount, which of the two banks in London. end of the week. set to increase the £2.8bn setleast £1.5bn. bas to come out of future years' Earlier CS Holding said a tlement it has offered to loss-"There has been no detailed profits, would seriously affect which is bound to lead to ratio-Union Bank of Switzerland and nalisation and job losses. making and litigating names, by raising a further £100m from discussions with the DTI on the the viability of the business. telephone conversation took The proposal would also replace between CS Hotding exact amount. There are some Brokers are themselves exchairman Rainer Gut and UBS pressing doubts about the final number-crunching exerprecedent involved subsidising

PETER RODGERS **Business Editor**

CS Holding, two of the big three Swiss banks, announced yesterday that they were in dis-cussions about a £32bn merger. Analysts believe at least 15,000 jobs in Switzerland and possibly hundreds of jobs in London are at risk if the deal,

due to be discussed at a UBS board meetings on Thursday, goes ahead. The international investment banking operations of UBS and CS Holding, parent of Credit Susse, both have large numbers

of staff in London, in the City and at Canary Wharf. Although the two would fit well on the corporate finance side there are thought to be

shape Swiss banking, where the two groups bave well over half of the domestic market, where there is substantial excess ca-

Banking sources believe that estimates of 15,000 job losses within Switzerland could prove on the low side.

After a day of misunderstandings and confusions in the market that followed a speculative report in a Swiss news-Union Bank of paper, Union Bank of Switzerland spokeswoman Gertrud Erismann said a board meeting will take place this week to discuss a possible mergchairman Nikolaus Senn in which the possibility of discussing a merger between the two banks was "sounded out". Ms Erismann confirmed that the telephone conversation

Mr Guty said "It's up to the UBS board of directors to make up its mind about the proposal." The discussions took place last week said UBS, but Ms Erisman refused to give any further details.

CS Holding's market value is SF 21.1bn (£12.4bn) and UBS is worth almost £20ba.

brokers towards the package. Hopes were also high among

Dealing with Wall Street's jitters: London held firm despite worries over the Dow's heavy fall on Monday

some names yesterday that a further sum of up to £300m might be available through a lower-than-expected costing of the Equitas plan, the re-insur-ance agency being set up to shoulder all liabilities for business underwritten up to 1992.

If the £1.9bn cost of Equitas were to be reduced, it could substantially cut the £100,000 cap placed on names' potential additional contributions to the

However, a Lloyd's spokesman said yesterday: "We have always said that the Equitas pre-

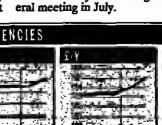
Lloyd's set to raise another

£100m for names' settlement

cises to be done, which are taking place at present, but we can't do anything until the full DTI team is back and we discuss the matter with them." Final bills for Equitas, which

will cover the worst loss-making years and the potentially huge payouts from asbestos and pollution-related claims in the US, are expected at the end The deal with brokers, ex-

The deal with brokers, ex-pected to be announced in the to juggle funds and add to the next few weeks, will fall short of the amount expected by many vote on at Lloyd's annual gennames, who are baving to foot eral meeting in July.



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though they are prepared to invest to keep the business alive.

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CINVen vies for Redland brick division

TOM STEVENSON City Editor

CINVen, the former venture capital subsidiary of British Coal, emerged vesterday as one of four potential buyers of Redland's UK hrick manufacturing operations. Redland confirmed it was in talks with CtNVen. which recently backed a £63.5m management buyout of the brick-making activities of Christian Salvensen, but said it was too early to say who would end up with the brick business.

wood, the Christian Salvesen brick unit, would make it an obvious contender to pick up Redtand's business. With a book value of about £130m, the Redland operation would give a combined operation some critical mass in a still highly com-

petitive market. A CINVen spokesman admitted yesterday the group was one of a small group of potential bidders, but it poured cold water on press reports yesterday that the business might be worth £250m. It is understood that Redland is tooking for

about net asset value, Together with a US brick business, which is also up for sale, and Terca, a European brick company which was sold in February for £71m, Redland's combined brick operadons had net assets at the end of 1995 of £245.9m. Operating profits of £21.6m were struck last year from sales

Redland has about 18 per cent of the UK brick market, be-hind Ibstock, with 19 per cent, and Hanson, which controls 29 per cent, according to govern-

ment figures for last year.

Putting Chelwood together with Redland's business would give CINVen about 23 per cent of the UK bricks market.

Redland confirmed last month that it was also talking to Wieneberger of Austria about a possible sale, but it has so far kept the other two potential huyers close to its chest Speculation has focused on CRH, the Irish huilding materials group, and Anstralia's Boral and Pioneer.

CINVen has been a hig player in buyouts over the years, and was recently involved in the acquisition of Dunlop Slazenger from BTR. Other feathers in its cap include Automotive Products, acquired for £181m, and the £108m Wightlink deal.

Redland announced last month it was seeking buyers for its brick businesses as part of a radical restructuring of its European operations which are expected to involve the transfer of all the company's western En-ropean tile interests into Braas, its successful 50.8 per centowned German subsidiary, in exchange for cash and shares. The proposed deal would

see Redland's shareholding in Braas rise to about 60 per cent and is expected to simplify in-vestment plans and reduce duplication. Although Braas has given Redland exposure to the recent post-unification surge in Germany, recession is taking its toll and the company believes it is the right time to clarify the relationship between the two.

In the year to December. Redland announced a 5 per cent fall in underlying profits to £368m and became the only FT-SE 100 company to announce a dividend cut.

Gyms and tonic as City banks muscle in

CITY DIARY

JOHN WILLCOCK



Workout: More emphasis is being placed on fitness

Rentokil profit attacked in new shouting match

MAGNUS GRIMOND

The shouting match between the two sides to the £1.9bn bid battle for BET continued yesterday as pressure grew for a higher offer from Rentokil.

The new bostilities came as Fidelity International, once one of BET's biggest shareholders, revealed that it bad reduced its stake to 1.09 per cent. The fund management group, which owned 7 per cent of BET a year ago, has been steadily reducing its stake. With the latest sale, it has cut its stake from just under 5 per cent to just over 1 per cent in the space of six weeks.

In a shot aimed at debunking Rentokil's past record, BET claimed profits growth at the pest control to potted plants group was well below the muchvaunted aim of 20 per cent a year. Stripping out foreign exchange benefits, profits on the sale of fixed assets and the use of previously established acquisition provisions, pre-tax profits rose by just 16.9 per cent last year, BET said.

Rentokil's latest report and accounts, from which the figures were culled, also "catalogues disappointing results across a wide spread of Rentokil's businesses", BET claimed.

John Clark, chief executive. said: "The slowdown shown by Rentokil's report and accounts vindicates our view that Rentokil needs BET. As we have always said, this ill-conceived offer seems to be a desperate attempt by Rentokil to use BET's superior growth to maintain its own targets at BET share-

But Reotokil hit back last night. Clive Thompson, chief executive, said: "We think this is the last knockings of a tired and flagging management team. Our view is that the time for a company doctor [at BET] is over ... It is time now to pass the company over to a management

Mr Thompson said the adverse comments in the annual report on 16 of its individual operations, highlighted by BET was part of its practice of reporting fairly on the perforof the group's

Given that there were over 200 such businesses in the group, they were "barely much reflection of the total, he said. Meanwhile, referring to the £7.5m of one-off nems picked out by BET as inflating last year's profits, Mr Thompson said the other side had failed to refer to similar items in 1994, when exchange rates had been adverse and fixed asset disposal profits bad been lower. These were actually "continuing items which occur every year", but stripping them out of both sets

Gym-building mania has swept the City in the last few vears, particularly in the American investment banks such as Morgan Stanley and Merrill Lynch. The latter proudly boasts in the latest edition of the Securities & Investment Review that attendance at its in-house gym is up 57 per cent since 1993. As employee fitness is now

deemed so important, how are the Brits faring? According to the Review, Schroders has been holding aerobics classes for one 500-strong office where the average attendance has been between six and 12. Schroders is also one of the most successful investment banks in London. Is there a link?

Complaints are generally seen in a negative way, but acted on positively, they help improve service and turn a potentially unhappy client into a satisfied customer and even increase husiness." So claims Chris Lane, chairman of Time Manager International, which makes personal organisers. Mr Lane is addressing the oext Continuing Business Education meeting at Aston Business School,

The announcement from meeting's sponsors Grant Thornton, was titled, "A Complaint is a Gift" and was dated IApril. A

Rude funeral directors, ashes lost in the post and speeding hearses are just some examples of the bad

UK's Funcral Ombudsman The report describes a bearse that shot through a town at 40 mph while ignor-

ing all traffic lights.... One relative was sent to the wrong funeral for someone with the same surname. Other complaints concerned undersized coffins, paupers' graves and brusque funeral directors rushing through ceremonies. "It's a completely unregulated husiness – anyone can set up a funeral business in their garage. Regina West, administrator of the voluntary Funeral Omhudsman Scheme, told Reuters. Since starting up in-June 1994 Ombudsman Geoffrey Woodroffe had received 96 complaints from the 600,000 or so burials that have taken place, a number he reckons will increase once public awareoess of his job

He offered compensation to only five complainants, largely because half were against companies outside the scheme.

The Government was due to ... publish the latest report from its Six Wise People yesterday morning at 11.30. The journalistic herd arrived on the Treasury's doorsteps on . until noon, without explanatioo. Were they late dotting the i's and crossing the t's after the Easter break? A Treasury spokesman said yesterday evening: "There was a short delay in getting the document to the relevant door." He added that the wire services bad the report from eleven o clock in a "lock-up." No doubt suitable 🔔 beverages were provided.

Eurotunnel bags 140,000 passengers at Easter



On target: Alistair Morton of Eurotunnel which claims a victory in war against ferries

PETER RODGERS Business Editor

Eurotunnel carried approaching 140,000 passengers on the car shuttle over the long Eastcr weekend, close to its own forecasts, as the price war with the ferries continued.

The company claimed its sys-tems ran "pretty effortlessly" with four trains an hour most of the time during the four day weekend, and that that 7.700 vehicles were carried on Thursday, just below the record of to boost bookings with new ad-8.400 the previous Saturday.

Eurotunnel said its cut price duty free sales were proving a to relaunch Le Shuttle after big attraction, taking passengers away from the ferries, and producing a 20 per cent increase in traffic in recent months as a direct result.

Last week Eurotunnel reported that the number of passengers carried rose 31 per cent in March.

Stena recently offered a third off some brands in its duty-free shops. However, the ferries dis-

the winter is due to Eurotunnel's cheap fags and hooze.

A price war on duty-free hits at the ferry operators' most sensitive spot since much of their profit comes from these sales. The marketing effort for Le

Shuttle is also being stepped up with the award of part of the company's advertising business for the Le Shuttle train services to the London advertising agency BST-BDDP, in an effort

technical setbacks and delays

last year hit ticket sales. The company's promotion drive was regarded as lacklustre until it started the duty-free

There have been much stronger criticisms, however, of the marketing campaign by the operators of the Eurostar passenger train service, which does not belong to Eurotunnel

pute Eurotunnel claims that a but which produces a significant drop in ferry day trip traffic over part of its revenue. The stepped-up advertising campaign was started by by Le Shuttle's new chief commercial officer, Bill Dix.

Polls had shown poor public awareness of both Eurostar passenger trains and Le Shuttle's passenger and car services though there was intensive TV advertising last year. .

Around half of Eurotonnel's £10m marketing budget for 1996 will be handled by BST, while another agency, Wun-derman Cato Johnson (WCJ), will continue to run the coach and freight accounts, which includes British press, direct marketing and radio campaigns, Eurotunnel said.

Le Shuttle's overall European marketing expenditure for this year is expected to total £20m. This includes campaigns in France, Germany, Belgium and the Netherlands, promoting the Eurostar services to France and

Pendragon to be sole Alfa Romeo dealer within M25

TOM STEVENSON City Editor

Pendragoo, the motor dealer spun off from Williams Holdings in 1989, has been granted the right to sell Fiat and Alfa Romeo cars across the Greater London region in a deal which observers believe marks a significant shift in the way cars are currently sold in Britain.

The award of a large region exclusive rights to sell the makes within the M25 - is a significant change from the current system which limits the number of franchise outlets any one dealer can operate within a given area. Potentially it offers successful groups big economies of scale and marks an important step towards the consolidation of the car retail industry.

According to Trevor Finn. chief executive of the Derby-

based group, the market area approach is based on a sucessful trial in the US, where General Motors launched a new car, Saturn, and distributed it through big geographical territories. The idea is that dealers set up a core network of about 4 per cent. outlets, building up as the num-

a better allocation of resources withio an area. If, for example, a regioo includes a high numher of used cars of a certain make, but little demand for new cars, a service centre can be built without the extra unnecessary cost of a new car showroom. Within London, Pendragon

plans to build 15 Fiat locations, of which three will be service only outlets. Alfa Romeo will be

represented at nine of the sites. Mr Finn said yesterday the introdoction of new models from

Fiat and Alfa Romeo had

perform the UK market significantly. Sales of Fiat cars increased in the UK by over 20 per cent last year, and have risen by 21 per cent so far this year, mcreasing market share to

The Fiat agreement is the sec ber of the make's cars increases. Ond time Pendragon has been The ocw system also allows awarded the right to sell a make over a large area. Last year it was signed up by Volvo territory which includes all areas within the M25 south of the river Thames. Four dealerships are now open for business in that chain and another will open in June after refurbish-

> Pendragon's concentration on the luxury end of the car market paid off last year when pre-tax profits rose 17 per cent to £11.3m, despite a difficult

equity should make no difference to a foreign cash bidder. It is more than likely there will be

further bids. But the reason is the sim-

pler one that these companies do not have the strengths required to remain

independent distributors as domestic

deregulation approaches in 1998. For that reason they are worth holding onto

Technology flotations got a rather tar-nished image last year as investors burnt

their fingers on new issues such as

MDIS and MAID. There are many dif-

ferent aspects to the information tech-

nology sector, however, and it would be wroog to tar FI Group, in which

dealings start today, with some of the more blue-sky, speculative stocks. The applications and facilities man-

agement end of the market in which FI specialises is a reliable, predictable

business, the quality of earnings it gen-

growing fast. The driving force behind the growth in FI in recent years has

functions. Companies have decided that they are better off concentrating on their core activity and paying a specialist to run their computer systems.

That should pave the way for a con-

tinuation in the growth of FI's profits,

interim period ending last October,

There is no faulting the timing of FT's flotation, in the form of a placing of 7.9 million shares at 235p a share. Over the

On the basis of forecast earnings per share of 11.3p for the year to the end

profits increased to £2.1m.

Newcomer FI

priced right

spokesman insisted yesterday the timing was coincidental.

service bereaved families have suffered, according to the first report from the

A 5 page appointment section covering vital issues in accountancy,

The Finance & Legal Team on

Dewhirst profits from Marks & Spencer THE INVESTMENT COLUMN

Investors cautious about years of dis-mal returns from the textile sector should take more than a second look at Dewhirst Group. In stark contrast to its peers. Dewhirst has used the recession to squeeze ever higher margins and profits out of the famously cutthroat business of supplying Marks & Spencer. The result has been a sbare price that has outperformed the rest of the textites and apparel sector by nearly 680 per cent in the past five years, even after yesterday's 3p dewntick to 186p. That reaction in the shares was a lit-

tle perverse in view of another cracking performance from the group in the year to 12 January. Pre-tax profits up 31 per cent to £22 3m were in line with market expectations and came after a year in which rivals have hlamed strong raw materials prices and the hot summer for less than sparkling results.

It is hard to pin down a single factor for this performance other than simple good management, which is something of a surprise in a company still dominated by the founding family. Including the bonorary president, there are still four Dewhirsts on the board and the family controls a quarter of the equity. But sentimental considerations did

not prevent Dewhirst reorganising its UK manufacturing base early on in the recession, a move which bas stood it in good stead. While others, notably tending M&S supplier Coats Viyella, are only belatedly attempting to source more clothing offshore, Dewhirst's overseas manufacturing operations have allowed it to undercut the compeution and win market share.

With over 13 per cent of the market supplying M&S. it is reckoned to have narrowed the gap with second-placed Courtaulds Textiles to around one percentage point in 1995. Continued sales growth at last year's rates – 12 per cent in ladieswear and 15 per cent in menswear - should bave Dewhirst snapping at Coats 20 per cent-odd share

The group's expansion overseas is being stepped up this year. After two years holding capital expenditure at just over £8m, the budget for 1996 has jumped to between £14m and £15m,

with most of the money earmarked for new plants in Morocco and Indonesia to replace existing third-party sources. Dewhirst sees nearly all its future assuming M&S maintains its grip on sales growth being met by overseas sup-plies, which could mean 50 per cent of

the business being sourced from out-side the UK by the year 2000. Given the continuing fight for sales on the high street, this greater control left in the cold over a lower-cost manufacturing base may not help margins in the short run. But, after more than doubling from around 3 per cent five years ago, the margin story is not over yet at Dewhirst. Last year saw operating margins rise another 1 percentage point to 7.8 per cent. With raw materials prices stabil
As with the other three Recs still left

Profits of £25.5m this year would put the shares on a prospective price/earn-ings ratio of 14. Still reasonable value,

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Hang on to Recs

If there is a hid looming for Yorkshire Electricity, nobody has told SBC Warburg. The investment bank is thought

ising, after rising between 5 and 7 per on the shelf without an approach - East cent tast year, the omens are good.

Midlands, Northern and London cent tast year, the omens are good. Dewhirst Group : at a glance Market value: £242m, share price 186p 5-year record

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speculation has driven the share price

sharply upwards in the past few weeks. More informed observers in the City, including SBC Warburg, have had a tough job explaining why.

The most popular suggestion is that a bid for one or more of the four awaits only the verdict of the Monopolies and Mergers Commission on the PowerGen bid for Midlands Electricity and the Nanonal Power hid for Southern. The likely bidders, according to this story. simply want to see the small print of

the report before they make a move. The two hids were referred late last year and Ian Lang, President of the Board of Trade, is due to announce his decision in the next few weeks.

The only other big generator known to want a Rec. British Energy, cannot do anything at the moment because it is not to be privatised until June. It is questionable whether it could afford a Rec. even with the lower-than-expected crates is improving as contracts debt level with which it is to be sold. debt level with which it is to be sold. The result of the inquiry and Mr Lang's decision is likely to be irrelevant to any of the overseas bidders rubeen an increasing trend towards out-moured to be still snooping around the sourcing of information technology to any of the overseas bidders ru-

Recs, because vertical integration is not an issue with them. Other foreign bids were cleared with alacrity last year. As for a counter-bid for Midlands or Southern, the only sensible time to do that was soon after the references were made. The bid timetable would have up from £1.3m in 1993 to £3.3m in the allowed shareholders to reach decision year to April 1995. In the most recent point well before Mr Lang's pronouncement on the PowerGen and Na-

nonal Power offers, an unbeatable tactical advantage. But as with many of these movements, the share price may be telling past year the software and computer the right story for the wrong reason. services sector has outperformed the The four remaining Recs are only marginally tess attractive than those that have been sold.

The four remaining Recs are only margin market by a sizeable margin.

On the basis of forecast earning share of 11.3p for the year to the

Northern is often said to have of this month, the placing price rep-spoiled the chances of a hid by giving resents a price/earnings ratio of 21. That away so much cash to shareholders, and puts the shares in the middle of the raising its gearing. But the share price pack, cheaper than Capita, more exadjusts for that, so the mix of debi and pensive than Logica. About right. finance accountancy

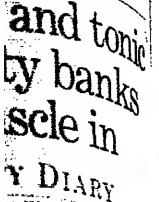
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London keeps its head as Wall Street sneezes Wall Street sneezed and London shrugged. The extent to which British while keeping inflation within the 2.5% tarfinancial markets have succeeded in decoupling from those in the US was amply demonstrated again yesterday as the FT-SE COMMENT 100 responded to Monday's sharp fall in the

Dow with a 3 point rise while bonds hardly The corrections on budged at all. There are compelling reasons why Britain and the rest of Europe should not slavishly follow Wall Street. The corrections on the the other side of the Atlantic were always

other side of the Atlantic were always likely to he more pronounced anyway because the hull run in equities has been much stronger over there than here. But more significantly, the US and Europe

are clearly at quite different stages in the cycle. The evidence of economic improvement, and not just on the jobs front, is much more apparent in the US, making the next move in interest rates there more likely to be upwards to counter an inflationary threat The Treasury's Six Wise People - with the

usual exception of Patrick Minford - may think that the UK is also heading for a tightening in monetary policy.

But yesterday the market preferred to concentrate on the less than compelling case for higher interest rates contained in the latest output figures which point to sluggish

the cost of borrowing. Moreover, there are electoral cycles as well as economic ones. It is looking increasingly unlikely that the Government will be

growth and the need for a cut if anything in

get range.

The Treasury Panel says as much but faced with a choice between the two it points to the need to raise rates to choke off an incipient rise in inflation.

It may be that the Chancellor Kenneth Clarke puts more store by his inflation target than his growth forecast. But whether a Prime Minister with one eye on a vanishing Parliamentary majority and the other on

electoral survival agrees is another matter. A further rate cut to accelerate growth at the expense of a gentle nudge upwards in inflation may be a temptation that is too hard to resist. The outcome of the Tamworth byelection this Thursday may tell us whether the Government is in the mood to succumb.

Labour sees light on media ownership

here are welcome signs from the Labour I front bench that compedition policy rather than cumbersome thresholds and ceilings might guide an eventual Labour Government in the development of rules on media ownership.

The Government's current efforts to liberalise the media sector, which have fuelled a sharp share price rise among the affected companies, are far too complicated, and merely repeat many of the obvious mistakes

aimed at getting around the rules. The same will happen again this time.

Far better would be to use tough competition policy to weed out near-monopolies and curb market abuses, leaving companies to get on with the business of building truly competitive media conglomerates.

The effect of the current proposals on

media cross-ownership is perverse. Two large newspaper groups are singled out for special treatment under the proposed rules Rupert Murdoch's News International and the Mirror Group, owner 43 per cent of the Independent. Neither will be able to own more than 20 per cent of an ITV company But News International is unlikely to wan any more TV - certainly not of the tradi-tional, terrestrial kind. Through BSkyB, it has already spent billions building a nearmonopoly in pay-TV in the UK, where the growth rates far outstrip those in the commercial "free" TV husiness. Lacking the scale of a News International - which is part of Mr Murdoch's \$10 hillion parent company Mirror Group cannot afford to build an equivalent pay-TV presence from scratch.
 Far easier would be to invest in an ITV com-

pany, providing it with a balance to its newspaper interests. But it will be constrained from doing so under the Broadcasting Bill.

Much higger companies, including Asso-ciated and United-MAL escape the crossownership limits, because their newspapers the Daily Mail is not more influential than the Daily Mirror? Labour is suggesting a far more robust set of rules governing commercial activities - surely a better approach. In the first instance, Labour intends to prooose an amendment to the Broadcasting Bill

in the Commons, just as it did in the Lords, to raise the ceiling from 20 to 25 per cent, thereby freeing Mirror Group.

This is unlikely to be accepted by the Government. But if Labour gets in expect a real change in the way media is regulated. Market concentration, and not artificial limits and thresholds, will be the acid test.

Ominously near a coup over pensions

Martin Broughton, the chief executive of BAT, along with other leading CBI figures including Sir Richard Greenbury, is close to pulling off an unwelcome coup over directors' pensions disclosure. They appear to be isolating the National Association of Pension Funds in the argument over how dis-closure should be implemented.

To recap on this arcane hut important lit-

tle debate, Sir Richard's report on top pay last year recommended disclosure of the annual increase in value of directors' pensions, rather than the cash cost to the company in pension contributions.

Actuaries assumed that meant disclosing the capital value, which in the case of a large pay rise such as the 75 per cent awarded to Cedric Brown at British Gas would mean admitting in the company's annual report to a multi-million pound benefit. Of the original participants in the Greenbury report, only the NAPF appears to be firmly committed to the principle of disclosing capital

The idea rang alarm bells not just in boardrooms and corporate public relations departments but also in government, which would face a rerun of fat cat headlines as the

lection approaches. This would be a gift to Gordon Brown, the shadow chancellor, who made so much political capital last year out of directors' pay. Not surprisingly, he backs disclosure of cap-

ital values. The CBI's alternative is to disclose not the capital value hut the increase in the annual retirement pension earned by a director during each financial year, a number that will rarely run above six figures. With the Stock Exchange likely to fall into line and the actuaries themselves not as united as they first

appeared, the game is nearly over.

But shareholders, for whom the accounts are written in the first place, should not give up because this is an important issue of principle. Capital values are the by far and away the most meaningful disclosure when it comes to large future pension liabilities, and anything else is a fudge.

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JOHN WILLCOCK

A "personal disagreement" between finance director Martin Anderson of Harrisons & Crossfield and the rest of the board resulted in him resigning yesterday "by mntual agreement."

"We agreed jointly that we should part company," Har-risons' chief executive, Bill Turcan, said. A company source insisted there was no suggestion wbatsoever of any impropriety, but that there had been personal disagreements in what was a "smail, closely-knit management team".

Mr Anderson's total emoluments last year were £191,000. since be is on a two-year contract he might receive a pay-off of nearly £400,000. But details will only be revealed in the 1997 accounts due next year.

Mr Turcan was Harrisons' finance director before Mr Anderson and played a key role in his recruitment.

Mr Anderson joined two years ago from a merchant banking background and was heavily involved in the company's switch to acquisitions - it is expected to spend between £200m-£300m over the next

Company sources said the acquisition plans, which will focus the conglomerate on chemicals and timber, would go ahead despite the resignation. Harrisons's shares fell 9p to

148p yesterday. Analysis said that this was also the day when the company went ex-dividend. The grossed-up dividend was

Consumer body savages watchdogs

Industrial Correspondent The Consumers Association

has called for a radical overhaul of "confused" utility regulation, including changes in legislation to give customers more rights. The association's hardest-hitting attack to date on regulation emerges in a submission to the Hansard Society and is a forerunner to the association's own review of the former nationalised utilties, due for publication later this year.

The report by the association argues that consumer protection should be the principal goal of regulation but that under the present statutory framework "this is clearly not the case".

It criticises the extent to which it is left to the discretion of individual watchdogs to weigh the importance of consumers against promotion of competition and the ability of companies to finance core functions. The association demands changes to limit the freedom of regulators to depart from the objective of protecting consumer interests.

According to the report: "The present legislative framework is characterised by a confusion between ends and means. While the development of greater competition within the utility industries is clearly very important, it should not be viewed as a goal in itself but as a mechanism for ensuring that firms face incentives to improve their efficiency and. through inter-firm rivalry, to pass such cost savings on to their

customers. The association also attacks the regulators for lack of openness in their decision-making. It singles out Ofwat, the water



Jeers and cheers: Ian Byatt (left) of Ofwat was criticised while Don Cruickshank of Oftel won some praise

seeming to accept the legitimate need for independent scrutiny of its decisions on behalf of con-

At the same time the association notes that Don Cruickshank, the telecommunications watchdog, shows the strongest commitment to seeking out the views of the public.
The association sharply crit-

icises non-disclosure of information about ntiltity companies on the grounds of commercial confidentiality. "We are extremely concerned that excessive use of confidentiality claims is allowing operators to conceal

terests of consumer and the public in general."

A spokeswoman for Ian Byatt, director general of Ofwat, rebuffed the association's views, saying that Ofwat made "huge amounts" of information available and encouraged public de-bate. She added that it was only "right and proper" that com-mercial confidentiality be observed where it had been requested by the company.

> The association launches its broadside against a background of public dissatisfaction over boardroom greed in the privatised companies and a view

industry regulator, for "not practices that are against the in- that the consumer is losing out This would mean a separate while shareholders are gaining price cap for residential cushandsomely. There bas also tomers and a means of ensurbeen growing criticism that reging that, through any cap,

ulation is based too much on individual personalities. The Labour Party, while appearing unclear as to what it would do about the watchdogs, has made it plain the present framework would be unlikely to continue if it comes to power.

The association wants as a minimum in any future regime, that price regulation should be overhauled to force companies to reduce charges most in the provision of services where people have least choice.

Apple Computer is thought to be on the verge of signing a pact to allow IBM to license Apple Macintosh operating system. Industry sources said that the deal would be similar to an agreement which Apple signed in February with Motorola. IBM was expected to have the rights to sub-license the Mac system to other computer makers seeking to develop Macintosh clones based on the PowerPC chip. An IBM spokesman declined to comment, but one source familiar with the talks said that the deal would provide "one-stop shopping" for companies seeking to clone the Apple Macintosh.

 The dollar set a 25-month high against the yen, reaching ¥108.35 in European trading. It also touched its highest level against the German mark, at DM1.4936, for two months. The move was driven by growing expectations that US interest rates will rise fol-lowing Friday's report of a higger than expected jump of 140,000 in employment last month. The dollar's rise dragged sterling along on its coat-tails. The pound closed more than one and a half pfennigs higher at DM2.2761, and rose 0.3 on its index against a range of currencies to 83.9.

· Japan's economy is still on course for a gradual recovery, the Economic Planning Agency said yesterday. But it warned that growth remains fragile, with consumer spending picking up only very slowly. The government's ¥14 trillion spending programme, announced last September, bas been the main factor behind the recovery so far, the EPA said.

 London's service sector saw husiness grow more quickly in the first quarter of 1996 than in any quarter since the start of the recession, according to a survey of some 250 London-based com-panies carried out by the London Chamber of Commerce and Industry. The survey showed a record number of companies reporting increased domestic husiness.

There was also a big jump in husiness confidence with 68 per cent of companies expecting profitability to increase over the next

PhoneLink said its Tel-Me electronic information and commerce service had attracted more than 1,000 new business sites during March. New business sites in the first quarter of 1996 totalled 2,200 compared with 1,350 in the last quarter of 1995, an increase of over 60 per cent.

Manufacturing orders in western Germany fell sbarply in February, strengthening the case for a reduction in key official interest rates. Pan-German orders fell 1.4 per cent, driven by a 2.5 per cent drop in domestic orders. Foreign orders rose slightly. Unemployment figures due today are expected to confirm the economy's feeble state.

 Devro International is selling Devro America, its North American collagen sausage casings husiness, to Nitta Gelatin of Japan for a total of \$26m. The US Federal Trade Commission ruled that Devro had to sell the unit to maintain competition after its \$133.5m acquisition of Teepak.

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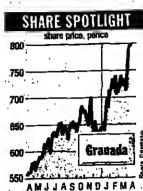


Investors back takeover favourites against Wall St

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Shares contemptuously ig-nored Monday's New York blues, managing to end a lack-lustre session with a smatter-

next US interest rate move will be up rather than down, a prospect which prompted the Dow Jones Average to slump 88.51 points, would, it was predicted, send the stock market tumbling.

True, the FT-SE 100 index suffered an early, knee-jerk reverse but sentiment gradually improved allowing it to close 3 points higher at 3,758.6.

The stock market's resilience stemmed in part from the feeling that domestic rates are, in the near term, more likely to be influenced by German considerations than American. And Germany's economic gloom could encourage the Bundesbank to lower interest charges when it meets next week.

Another round of speculative activity also belped the market to banish the US gloom. As befits a dull day when trading is slow some of the old takeover stories were dusted down and given yet an-

Schroders was firm as stories swirled that Com-merzbank of Germany was about to buy the merchant bank with, for good measure, stockbroker Cazenove. It was enough to lift Schroders' voting shares 30p to 1,230p against a peak of 1.478p last ar - and the non-voting units

27p to 990o. British Gas was again unit-ed with British Petroleum by the rumour mill. Gas managed a small flare, up 4.5p to 239p, as BP rose 2.5p to 579.5p.
Yorkshire Electricity added

12p to 869p as talk of a US swoop continued to circulate. Pearson, in a firm media sector, gained a further 7p to 228p

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on break-up hopes but Thorn EMI continued to drift from last week's peak, retreating 12p to 1,778p. Reed Interna-tional improved 20p to 1,184p. Tales of possible share buybacks and special dividends were another source of ex-

citement. Renters, thought to be preparing a buy-back, firmed 9.5p to 766.5p; Great Universal Stores 12p to 696p and Associated British Foods 4p to 407p.

Amersham International, the health-care group, re-

sponded to reports that Richard Lapthorne, finance director at British Aerospace, was to become non-executive

Signet rose 2p to 31p, best level for more than two years. Granada, meeting analysts today, drifted 3p to 794p. It will

be subjected to close questioning about the integration of Forte and its claim of a £100m profit enhancement. to 965p. But the departure of The proposed sales of unfinance director Martin Anwanted Forte hotels and othderson from Harrisons & er assets will also come under Crostield clipped the shares 9p scrutiny. Granada is due to re-

Disposal hopes lifted WH Smith and Signet. Under new port interim results in June. The market's preoccupa-tion with football was illuschief executive Bill Cockburn trated by a 22p jump to a 315p peak by Manchester Utd fol-Smith is expected to withdraw from a number of peripheral lowing the Easter results. But activities including its Our the growing threat of relegation Price music chain and its 50 per to the second division clipped 0.25p from Millwall to 2.5p. Its cent interest in the Do-it-All, hopes of blossoming into a me-dia group are likely to be dam-And Signet, the old Ramers, has been edging towards the aged if the club cannot cling to sale of its main jewellery chains

its first division status.

Analytical comcomments spurred chosen stocks. Kleinwort Benson added 3.5p to

477p, a 12-month high, and 166p at MFI Furniture and some of the banks were tickled a few coppers higher by Lourho edged ahead 3.5p to 214p on talk Anglo-Ameri-

can, South Africa's biggest mining group, was near lifting its 5.9 per cent interest by buying shares from Dieter Bock, the German who mus the sprawling trading group.
Avocet Mining, floated last week at 240p, fell 16p to 227p.
Diploma, the electrical dis-

tributor, held at 413p as Nat West Securities cut its profforecasts from £28.8m to £25.4m and £31.4m to £26.8m. Alvis, the defence group, added op to 163p following an agency cross of 80,000 shares at 161.5p but virtual reality group Superscape VR took another tumble after last week's profit warning, falling 3Sp to 560p. Pan Andean, awaiting a Bolivian drilling re-

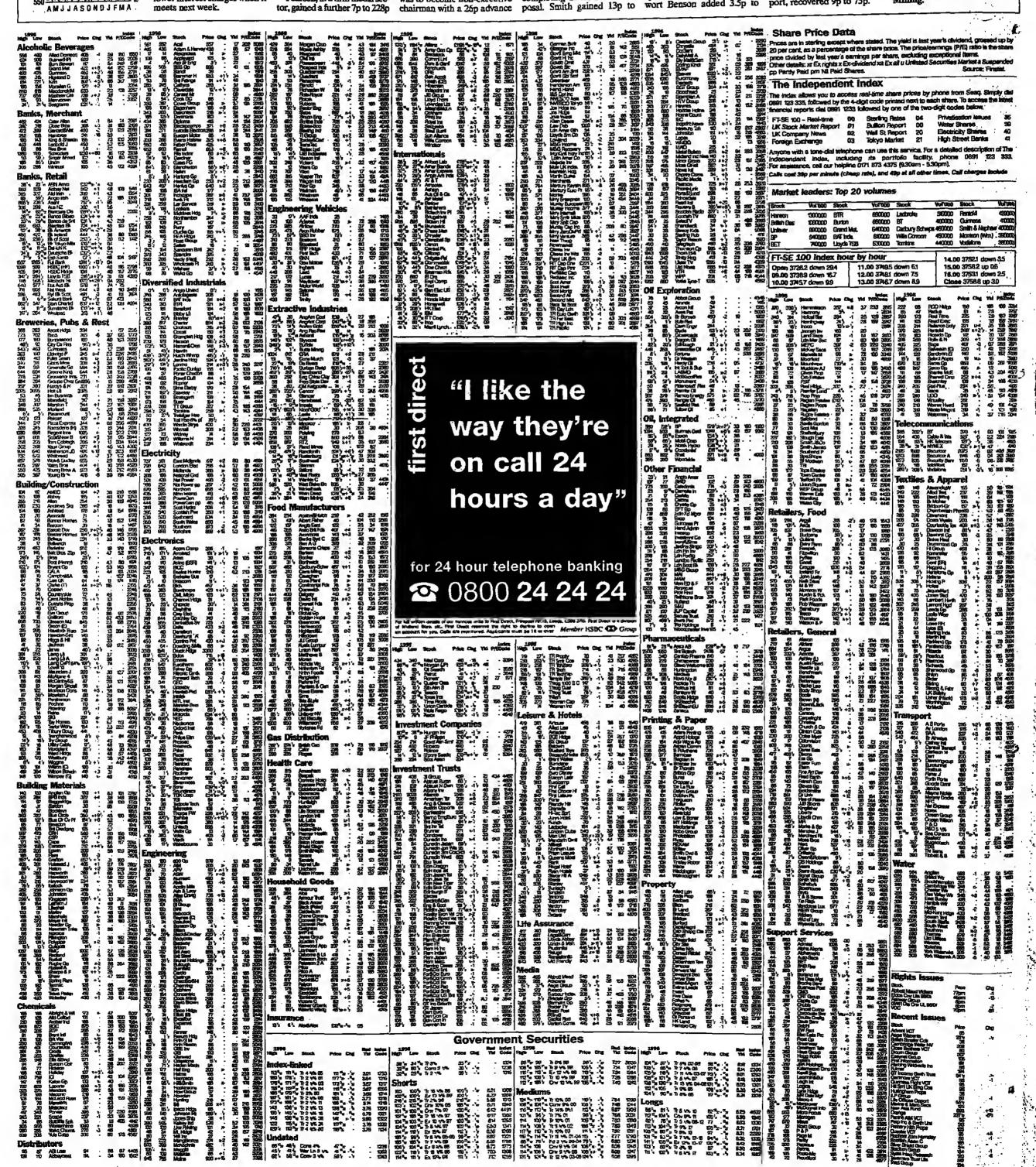
port, recovered 9p to 75p.

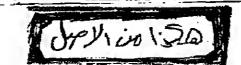
Shares of Waverley Mining, which switched from an investment vehicle to a mining company last year, remain short of friends at 91p.

They have fallen from a 132p peak in the past year. Williams de Broe, the stockbroker, estimate assets ranging from coal mines in Scotland to gold mines in Australia - are 145p a share and the group is underval-

Chartfield Fund Manage ment made its debut on the fringe Ofex share market. slipping 5p to 85p. Formerly traded on the old 4.2 market Chartfield, run by Mark Flawn Thomas, takes in four unit trusts including the Waverley Penny Share Fund which has led the smaller company trust section for three years. The trust was at

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Freelances play key role in shaping brave new world

Now the Inland Revenue is jumping on the out-forcing bandwagon. Like companies, entire industries, local anthorities and government departments before it, the Revenue has started contracting out its work to the self-employed - only this time the self-employed won't be paid for the extra work they do.

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Under self-assessment, which begins this month, millions of people will have to calculate their own tax returns, rather than expecting civil

servants to do it for them. Not that the Inland Revenue has ever worked out the tax bills for most people in the economy - employees all have their dues calculated by weary employers under the Pay As You Earn system.

But the fact that the Inland Revenue is now expecting the self-em-ployed to do the same is a sign that they too have recognised the big changes taking place in the labour market as more and more people stop being "employed" and start working for themselves instead.

Self-employment grew by a remarkable 1.2 million in the 1980s. Even despite the recession, the still con years ago working

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The truth about the current

growth in self-employment may be less glamorous than either would like to believe. Certainly there has been an increase in the numbers of professional and freelancing self-employed who show little sign of ever creating work for anyone else. Around two-thirds of the self-employed have no employees at all. Meanwhile 6 per cent of professionals are now working from home. The publishing and media indus-

'The best, most professional workers are never

lar workers and professionals become freelances and sell their services to their former employers.

And they have cut their staff accordingly, Professional skills from legal advice to economics to inform mation technology are all increas-

ingly suited to freelance work.
The benefits to businesses who introduce these working practices are relatively obvious. Staff members cost the company in additional National

Insurance contributions. Overheads - in terms of desks, office space and equipment - all add to the bill. But the biggest henefit to the company comes through transferring the risk that future work

might dry up. When everyone is on staff, they still have to be paid in a lean period. In the world of contracting out, it is the freelances who have to go out scavenging for different contracts to keep the bills paid.
So here is the new world emerg-

lances do not yet have a portfolio ex-istence. And even if individuals risks themselves. Not so. Ms Stanlonger-term problems in the industries that have most whole-heartedly embraced freelancing so far.

In an article in the spring issue of New Economy, Celia Stanworth describes a detailed case study of free-lances in the publishing industry. Interviewing 371 freelance editors proof readers and indexers, she finds that while many were women who had turned freelance on starting a family, most had become selfemployed following redundancies

from publishing houses. And they were typically dependent on one main client, often their for-mer employers. In effect, many of them were doing the same job for the same company as before. Only now, their tax status, their security, and their place of work had changed.

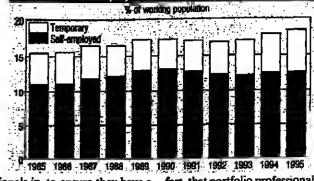
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manage to adjust and are happy with worth finds their hourly rate rethese new arrangements there are mained roughly the same as their in-house colleagues. Out-sourcing to freelances was simply a way for publishing houses to push real wages down, when faced with an over-supply of qualified publishing profes-

sionals Imagine for a moment however that those freelance skills were suddenly hard to come by. A desperate editor with a deadline looming is forced to spend hours on the phone trying to find people with the free time and experience to do the work. The best, most professional workers are never available when you need them most.

And should, heaven forbid, a crisis occur where a piece of work has to be revised at the last minute, there are no available staff willing to work all weekend to turn things around.

If these new freelances had re-tained the same bargaining power in lot less attractive. Sensible companies will want to tie their best pro-



fessionals in, to ensure they have a fast, that portfolio professionals will steady and reliable supply of high quality work. Contracts, retainers and even staff jobs all slip back onto the

Even in the publishing industry this sort of skills shortage may not be so far away. Ms Stanworth finds that three-quarters of the freelances she interviewed were over 40, a third were over 50. Most spent many years building up experience and contacts, working full-time in the

publishing industry.
In contrast, those without experience who tried to break into freelancing found it very hard to get

Clearly, the publishing industry is revelling in a time-limited labour market phenomenon: over-supply of experienced professionals. But no one is providing the training and experience for the freelances and portfolio workers of the future.

Across the media it may not matter too much if the next generation doesn't ever spend a decade or two acquiring experience with a single

The skills needed may advance so

just update their experience with regular courses and secondments instead. But the short-termism and the problems for training revealed in the publishing industry are a good guide to why other industries have rejected the model entirely. Widespread out-sourcing is a far

cry from the stakeholding companies advocated by economist John Kay. He describes successful companies as networks of loyal relationships between suppliers, employees, investors, managers and customers. The political enthusiasm for freelancing is even more limited.

Despite the obvious advantages for women who want to combine their work with family commitments, the growth of freelancing and temporary contracts are seen as the source of middle-class anxiety about job insecurity. But the long-term prospects for the new self-employed will de-pend not on the advice of politicians or economists, but on whether the training structures and the labour supply of the future make the use of freelances a sustainable business proposition.

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PLAY FORMU DREAM TEAM



The latest scores and results

European GP no doubt who April 28 San Marino GP is the most May 5 valuable driver to have leading a Dream Grand Prix May 19 Team: Damon Hill's June 16 make him look very French GP good value even at £23m. His leading June 30 British GP July 14 Villeneuve and Jean German GP Alesi, seem spell-July 28 bound behind him: **Hungarian GP** they can get close, **Belglan GP** August 25 Italian GP

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Georgie, after his victory.

but they cannot get past. Hill has so many assets: the reliahility and speed of the Williams-Renault, his own experience and the back-up of Villeneuve to name hut three. And he is using them with consummate skill, timing his fast runs in practice perfectly, and racing with a high cruising speed and just a little in hand should it be needed. And so far this year pit-stop strategy, a weak-ness for Williams Villeneuve enjoyed himself in Argentifashioned racer and while he will have been annoyed to have dropped behind at the start of the race, his delight at having to dice

with and overtake

other drivers to succeed was trans-parent. "I lost a lot of places, but it was fun to fight and overtake them," he said after the race. Further down the field it was good to see strong contributions from two £10m men, Ruhens Barrichello and Johnny Herhert, but the real bargain of the race was £3m-rated Andrea Montermini. The talented



Italian did well to qualify the re-calcitrant Forti-Ford, and then collected a bundle of Most-Improved points for keeping it circulating a the back of the field throughout. Team-mate Luca Badoer was not so fortunate, col-

lecting a minus score for parking his Forti upside-down in a gravel trap. And a word of sympathy for Pedro Diniz. He was a hot tip for Dream Team success last week, but ended up hot and hothered in Argentina when his Ligier caught fire and Pedro had to bale out in a hurry. Luckily no more than a Bandaid was needed to repair him and he will join all the other contenders on the grid at the Nur-hnrgring on 28 April for the European Grand Prix.

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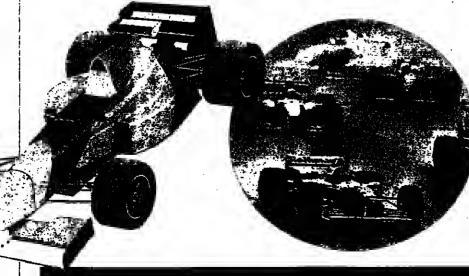
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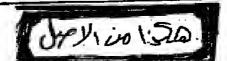
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French have new clear Classic hope in Tahiti

four-year-old colt

last season, winning four races including a Group 2 at Longchamp and Group 3 over nearly two miles at Deauville. Only seventh behind Celtic Swing in the Prix du Jockey-Club and fifth to Classic Cliche in the St Leger, but can improve further aod become a cootender for races like the Ascot Gold Cup.
(Trained by A Fabre for Sheikh Mohammed)

three-year-olds. (Trained by A de Rover-Dupre for Aga Khan)

RIPON

2.10 Double Park

3.10 To The Roof

2.40 Bold Top

three-year-old filly

when easily winning a Listed contest at Saint-Cloud by six lengths last month. Referring to her 1992 1,000 Guineas winner, her trainer describes A Votre Sante as "Hatoof Mark Two". Could run in the 1,000 Guineas, although the French equivalent is more likely. Her grandam, Mrs Penny, won the Prix de Diane and Prix Vermeille so should get further than a mile. (Trained by Mme C Head for Marshall W Jenney)

four-year-old filly by Garde Royale out of Corraleja Did The Independent's French 12-to-follow proud last season in landing the Prix de Diane and Vermeille. Returned with a satisfactory second to Valanour in the Prix d'Harcourt at Longchamp on Sunday when firm go-ing was against her. (Trained by

Matt Chapman on this season's cross-Channel challengers

races in Europe at a strike-rate of over 32 per cent. Although betting on this year's British Clas-sics is dominated by the home-trained horses, Although and Bosra Sham, Celtic Swing held a

ignore the French at your peril. In the last three were winners at the highest level in Britain and seasons they have won 72 of the 22! Group One with the leading Arab owners continuing to paraces in Europe at a strike-rate of over 32 per tronise Chantilly stables, the French have every cent. Although betting on this year's British Claschance of improving on that tally. Fabre, with sics is dominated by the home-trained horses.

11 Group One wins in 1995, dominates the train-line and Bosra Sham, Celtic Swing held a ing ranks, but there is a strong word for Crishuflarly lofty perch in 1995 yet was toppled in quette Read's 1996 team, and John Hammond, the 2,000 Guineas by André Fabre's Pennekamp.

Jonathan Pease, Alain de Royer Dupre and Elfe He, along with Sunshack and Cherokee Rose. Lellouche are also to be feared in the main events.

CIEL DE FEU three-year-old filly by Blushing John out of Northern Trick Third oo only juvenile start in a good Longchamp maiden. Held in high regard and should make mark in useful company over a mile and a half this season. Comes from a quality family - dam was second to Sagace in the 1994 Arc - and has an Oaks entry. (Trained by J Pease for S Niarchos)

DARK NILE three-year-old colt by Riverman out of batpa Like A Votre Sante, Dark Nile could hardly have scored in bet-

THE SCYTHAM, who has not reced since a creditable fourth of five to Techumow at Sandowi last July, as unifiely to fall tirough lock of firess. His stable won a 20-runner aprint hands loop with Canovas: Heart, who was also making his responsarance, at Warwick on Monda, and The Scythan humself was a first-time up winner last term - making most of the run-

and The Scychein himself was a first-time up winner test term - making most of the nurning to come home by two lengths over course and detance a year ago. He went in agein
over the trip here in May, following with a second to Midwich Cuckso - elso at this track.
Castilerea Lad was successful at Doncaster, Pontefract and Goodwood in 1995 and must
go on the shortlest following his opening fourth of 21 to four-length scorer Anzio at Doncaster, where Titler and last weeks three-length Musselburgh winner To The Roof deadrested for fifth three parts of a length away. Perband, Brecongill Lad, Ascenym and Highborn
were further in arrears and Reg Hollowshead's runner should again come out best of those
who contested the Town Moor event. All Reet I, an Irish acquisition now in Micky Hammond's
yard, stayed on to finish severith of 24 when badly drawn in the Lincoln and the return by
spirsting shouldn't prove too much of an inconvenience. Super Beatz has been in fine form
with three all-weather wins before his Catherick success a formight back but he is up 90
for that, Beatzoe, who won at Thisk in Mey and finished severith of 29 behalt Royale Figurine in the Ayr Gold Cup - Pulsosegate Touch and French Grit tenth and 21st - will be
straigher for his Newcastle run two weeks ago.

3.40 GALPHAY STAKES (CLASS C) £7750 added 3YO 1m 1f Penal ty Value £5,003

SANTELLANA had Saturday's Kempton soorer Dombey threequarters of a length behind when third of 23 behand Astor Place in a hot-looking mades on his introduction at HQ last September. John Gosten's El Cran Senor cott went on to win his only subsequent start, at Mussiabungh he following month. Salmis won on her debut at Follestone best September and was nine lengths clear of the third when finding inchropy threequarters of a length too good in a four-runner race at Haydock the following month on his only other outing. Coyote Bluff comes from Peter Chappte-Hyam's yard, which has made a bright start to the season. The Faynuz grey, a first-time winner at the San Sko last, May, was umplaced at Goodwood next here but ran third to Utha Barley at Wolverhampton on his only other appearance. Double Diamond won three times lost year, twice at all-weather meetings, and will be the better for his fourth to be Sport at Wolverhampton last month.

Selection: SANTILLANA

4.10 STUDLEY ROYAL HANDICAP (CLASS E) £4,250 added 1m 4f 60yds Penalty Value £3,096

PRPS DREAM provided Willie Carson with a fire 16-1 winner when storming home by four lengths over this trip at Leicester last Thursday and Mick Ryan's mare can defy a 5tb penalty. Forzalt has won two: at Southwell, in January and last Thursday, and escapes a penalty.

ty because that latest success was in an apprentices event. Aethover also went in its Southean in January - by six longishe - but could mendes only burnt of 11 behind MY Moriety burnt - 4 throughe there the following month after leading briefly five furiories out. Express GMP, who has been hundling, ran a creditable titled of 18 to Secret Service at Pornetinest less October and should not be far away, he represents Mary Reveley, whose Executive Design took the corresponding prace 12 months ago. Outstayed Welcounc, six lengths clear of the fund when besten a length and a quarter by Hay Ya Krifaah in the opening race at Concaster, should have nothing to fear from Oakbury (14th).

Selection: PIPS DREAM

4.40 GRANTLEY MAIDEN STAKES (CLASS D) £5,100 added 1m Penalty Value £3,794

FORM GLEDE

Henry Cecit, off the mark for the season with Magnifloent Style at Kempton on Monday, can take this with LDST LAGOOK. The Revenuen colt, half-brother to many winners including Over The Ocean (Free Handicap) and Quandary, has had just the one race, histhing a good fourth of 18 to Polydemus at Sendown lest August. He is Pat Edderys only ride at the meeting, Balkers' Bate, snother lightly raced four-year-old, ran Mezsan to a length on his debut at Doncaster last May and finished a length and a half third of 18 to Hoh Express at Newbury ten days afferingthe on this only other appearance. Politiceso went off issourite when making his debut at Doncaster and was besten a couple of lengths by instysts after leading briefly approaching the furloog pole.

Selection: LOST LAGOON

5.10 SAWLEY HANDICAP (CLASS E) £4,250 added 3YO 1m 2f

MUHTADI, aithough unplaced in both races after his Ascot fourth to Moody's Cat in August, looks good enough even under joint top weight in his first handicep. He halls from John Dunlop's yerd, so should be \$t enough. No

lest September, having been placed in his three previous outings and he could pose a three despite finishing out of the frame in his last two starts. Strategic Ploy will be sharper for her Doncaster race and looks better than stablemase Etterby Park, while Phaneton Hazdid not run badly whe fourth to Cristal Falls at Doncaster last October on his penultiment

"M Birch 1

Penalty Value £3,137

ter fashion on his seasonal debut when landing the Listed Prix a course record. The aims are

> three-year-old colt by Lear Fan out of Louveterie A surprise winner of the Grand Criterium last season but held in high regard by Fabre who describes him as "my best three

A Fabre for D Wildenstein) MISS TAHITI three-year-old filly

by Tirol out of Mini Luthe A possible Oaks contender, Miss Tahiti is considered "top class" by Fabre and is being targeted at the French 1,000 Guineas before either the Prix de Diane or a trip to Epsom. Won the Prix Marcel Boussac at Longchamp last season and Daniel Wildenstein owned the only filly to date to have woo both the Marcel Boussac and Diane, Allez France. (Trained by

out of Imperfect Circle
The first foal of Cheveley Park
Carbon Supper-up Imperfect
and is nominated by his trainer as a horse to follow. Very well
from the family of Tripthree-year-old colt by Nureyev Stakes runner-up Imperfect Circle, Spinning World woo a maiden at Longchamp in Oc-

though the French Derby is a cootender, although pedigree more likely option. (Trained by suggests a mile and a quarter may be his best trip. (Trained by J Pease for S Niarchos) SWAIN

four-year-old colt by Nashwan out of Love Smitten Progressive colt who won five consecutive races in 1995 and was third to Lammtarra and Freedom Cry in the Arc. With that pair retired. Swain is a candidate for all the top races over a mile and a half and could also be an Ascot Gold Cup contender. (Trained by A Fabre for Sheikh Mohammed)

TA MATETE three-year-old colt by Caerleon

out of Triple Couronne Third on his only two-year-old bred - from the family of Triptych - and should stay at least

pichev, chairman of the presidential committee for physical culture and sport, will announce hacking for Russia 300 in the seventh Whitbread race. It will be skippered by Eugene Platon, who led the Hetman Sahaidachny campaign in the last race and is trying to sell the boat to the Sussex 2000 syndicate beaded by Jackie MacGillivary.

TODAY'S FIXTURES

Football

BEAZER HOMES LEAGUE Middend Dialstont Ex-sharn United v Sofinus Bonungit; Racing Cub War-wick v Restricts, Southern Dialstont Poole v Trowindge, Dr Martens Cup Semi-final second leg; Salebury (D) v Beldock (O). WINSTONLEAD KENT LEAGUE First Division: Dardord v Centerbury, Paversharn v Furness, PEDERHODON BREWERT NORTHERM LEAGUE First Division: Murion v Whitby, Whichtern v Duriern.

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Speedway





by Affirmed out of Narwala Progressed into a smart stayer

> ASHKALANI three-year-old coit

by Soviet Star out of Ashtarka Unbeaten half-sister to Prix du Cadran winner Shafaraz. Won Longchamp maiden in October and impressed in landing the Group 3 Prix Thomas Byron at Saint-Cloud the following month. Should stay beyond a mile and is expected to prove one of the Aga Khan's best by Irish River out of Mrs. Jenney Burst on to the Classic scene

CARLING

Mme C Barbe for T Yoshida)

HYPERION

GOING: Good.

STALLS: straight course - stands' side; round course - inside.

DRAW ADVANTAGE: None.

Right-band course. A sharp track with right bends.

Racecourse is east of the city on B6265. ADMISSION: Club S12; Tatiersalls S8; 80-ver Ring \$4; Course \$2 (accompanied under-16s free all enclosures)... CAR PARE: Car and up to four occupants in course enclosure \$8; remainder free.

ELEADING TRAINERS WITH RUNNERS: If Coeff - 18 winners from 34 runners at a vado of 47.1% giving a return to a \$1 level stake of +54.70; J Berry - 16 winners, 120 runners, 13.3%, \$35.50; M Johnston - 14 winners, 80 runners, 17.5%, \$517.00; J Gooden - 11 winners, 43 runners, 25.6%, \$8.06; M Stoute - 10 winners, 42 runners, 23.8%, \$50.86; Miss 2 Hall - 10 winners, 61 runners, 16.4%, \$14.10; P Haslam - 8 winners, 70 runners, 11.4%, \$5.50.85

11.4%, +58.25.

ILEADING JOCKEYS: K Darley - 30 winners, 148 rides, 20.3%, 50.83; W Ryan - 17 winners, 71 rides, 23.9%, -\$10.20; J Wegwer - 16 winners, 73 rides, 21.9%, +\$17.44; R Cockrane - 14 winners, 58 rides, 24.1%, +519.61; N Connortan - 11 winners, 95 rides, 11.6%, -\$22.43; J Carrell - 11 winners, 97 rides, 11.3%, -\$4.32.

WINNERS IN LAST SEVEN BAYS: Pip's Dream (4.10) won at Leicester list April; To The Roof (3.10) won at Musselburgh last April.

LONG-DISTANCE RUNNERS: Muhtadi (5.10) sent 273 miles from J Dunlop's Arandel stable in West Sussex.

2.10 EBF SPA WELTER MAIDEN STAKES (CLASS D) £5,000 added 2YO 5f Penalty Value £3,453

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BETTING: 9-4 Prises Of Parkes, 11-4 Double Park, 7-2 Denobili Princess, 9-2 Bold African, 6-1 The Bee Main, 8-1 Proad Notice, 10-1 The Gay Fox, 20-1 Foolish Partter 1995: Parneker 2 8 0 J Carrol 15-8 (J Bory) 15 ran

FORM GUIDE

FRINCE OF PARKES is from a stable which has had a couple of awenile winners this season and the selection, by 1981 Gimerack here full Extent out of a Windjammer mane, should be able to go a lot. Mark Johnston's Double Park is by Middle Park winner and Two Thousand Gumeas numer-up Lycus out of a mare by Danag. Reg Hollinshead, who won with the juvenile Lawful Find at Catterick last month, runs the Danchti fility Danahill Princess and Willie Ryan teams up for his ofe gurinor on this one. David Evans, whose Weet Ess Gri landed the two-year-old race at Nottingham lest week, runs the Visored Bold African. Mick Easterby's The Bee Main , a son of Superpower, and Bryan Midnanor's The Gary Fox. by Newbor So Bold, are bred for speed.

2.40 MARKINGTON SELLING HANDICAP (CLASS F) £3,500 added 1m 4f 60yds Penalty Value £2,742

FORM GUIDE

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BOLD PURSUIT comes here is as good form as any, having won a similar event at Baverley by more than two lengths 11 days ago. Jimmy FitzGerald's charge, who won four off the red in 1994 but was disqualified in the last of them, can confirm littless running with Bold Top (beaten almost four lengths in third and 8th better off), fifth-piaced Can. She Can Can (also 8th better) and last more his Southwell score Adabasido (minth and only 3th better). Geodibye Millie has a good winning record, mainly in claimers, and will be sharper for her recent Musselburgh nun behind Riteman – her first since last october when third to Sheberar at Redcar – Adabasido eighth. Comber's Legislad is fit from all-weather action and comes from John Bottomiey's yerd, which won this with Merry Memmad last season. Lexical has not raced on the Flat since September but will also be fit, having run second behind has not raced on the Flat since September but will also be fit, having run second behind All Talk No Action over hundles at Folkestone last month. Responstant, from Reg Hollenshead's stable in form, could go well.

3.10 FOUNTAINS HANDICAP (CLASS C) £7,750 added 6f Penalty Value £5,716

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DOUBLE PARK (FR) (The 3rd Meldeham Perinceship) M Johnston 8 8 J Wilewert 4
FOOLISH FLUTTER (James Saciles) 0 Oktoyu 8 9 A Colgan (7) 7

4.10 Express Gift

4.40 Lost Lagoon

de Courcelles at Longchamp last week. "He has both stamina and speed and is the perfect type for the Prix du Jockey-Club," his trainer said. (Trained by Mme C Head for K.Abdullah) HELISSIO three-year-old colt

by Fairy King out of Helice Unraced at two, Helissio has made a big impressioo on his two starts this season, landing a maiden by 10 lengths at Evry last month and then defeating Arbatax by four lengths in the Group 2 Prix Noailles at

Longchamp on Sunday, setting the Prix Lupin and Jockey-Club, and his owner said: "After that we might go for the King George at Ascot." (Trained by E Lellouche for E Sarasola) LOUP SOLITAIRE

year-old and a colt of the highest quality". There is a small chance of Loup Solitaire lining up at Epsom in June, al-

EXETER

HYPERION

2.20 Pleasant Surprise 2.50 Camino 3.20 Keep

Me in Mind 3.50 Karen's Typhoon 4.20 CONTI

GOING: Good to Firm.

Eight-hand, undulating course. Still test of stamina.

Course is 5m SW of Exeter on A38. ADMISSION: Grandstand

Paddoct. Sp; Silver Ring 54.50 (accompanied under-16s free).

CAR PARK: 52 on rails; 52 members; remainder free.

WINNERS IN THE LAST SEVEN DAYS: Conti D'Estraval (4.20)

won at Ludlow last Wednesday. LONG-DISTANCE EUNNERS: Royal Square (4.20) sent 151 triles from G Flarwood's Pulborough stable in West Sussex.

2.20 BREND HOTELS HURDLE (CLASS E)

- 4 declared -BETTING: 4-6 Servel, 3-1 Pleasant Surprise, 7-2 Lessons Lass, 12-1 Nob-

2.50 WEATHERBYS INSURANCE NOVICE CHASE (CLASS E) £4,200 added 2m 7f 110yds

D'ESTRUVAL (nap) 4.50 Sheep Stealer

A Fabre for D Wildenstein) SPINNING WORLD

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4.20 TOTE BOOKMAKERS HANDICAP CHASE TOTE BOOKMAKERS HANDICAP CHASE

(CLASS C) £6,500 added 2m 3f 11Dyds

19716 WISE APPROACH (25) (2) K Bakey 9 120 ... & Michael

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11J1A/00 BOWAL SQUARE (29) 6 HAWDOOD (10) ... R Johnson (3)

5P7442 JALISREMUER (28) 6 HAWDOOD (10) ... D Seiter (5)

P11F4-6 BERNETON BERNIE (139) 0 Crappel 7 J0 (0 Mr J Culloty (5) - 8 declared BETTING: 11-10 Conti D'Estranel, 4-1 Seven Of Diamonds, 8-1 Julibreaks
Sydney Barry, 10-1 Wise Approach, Royal Square, 16-1 others

(CLASS E) £4,200 added 2m 7f 110yds

FROPF MISSER RYON £21 RAINE \$118 _____ W McTaviand

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5 43F CAMINIO (35) (87) Mes II Hroght 9 11.2 __MF 1 Descrict

6 UP4 MY MARM MAN (8) Mrs 5 M-Bornetis 8 11.2 __AP McCoy

7 GPPPP NEUT AND 1007 (34) C FORDAM 11.11.2 __T Dissecution (3)

8 O'GAP POUNDING SURF (Nr2) (28) J Mailter 7 11.2 __R Greene

9 42P1-00 TARIXIN MOSS (40) P Hobbs 7 30 11 ____8 Torney (3)

9 4CP1-00 TARIXIN MOSS (40) P Hobbs 7 30 11 ____8 Torney (3)

BETING: excess Sounds Strong, 8-1 Contino, My Main Man, 7-1 Tartixi Moss, 8-1 Master Ryon, 16-1 others

4.50 CONDITIONAL JOCKEYS' HANDICAP HUR-DLE (CLASS F) £2,650 added 2m 2f

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BETTING:3-1 Mestard, 7-2 Aliabrakha, 9-2 Polly Leach, 8-1 Chris's Glen,
8-1 Raimagar, Queens Contractor, 10-1 others

Michroson weight: 10st. Your handicap weights: Special Account 9st 11th, Roy-of Piper 9st 10th, Steough 8st 13th, Radio Caroline 7st. BETTING: 3-1 Keep in Zippott, 5-1 Allies Wijlins, 8-1 Bell Staffboy, Ulburs, 10-1 Your Leader, Dockmoster, 12-1 others

4.00 COMMANDERY AMATEURS HANDICAP HURDLE (CLASS E) £3,000 added 2m 2f

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5 354-P63 MACEDONNS (20) G Thorner 8 10 8 ______ hr K Wheetle (7)
8 412/5-00 EMERINAD RULES (2) (7) P Webber 9 10 3 ______ hr K Wheetle (7)
7 21/300-0 MROWNET (9) (7) Fiving 10 10 2 _______ hr Exhibe P Jones (8)
8 000 BREQUEST (37) C Marin 5 10 0 _____ hr Exhibe P Jones (7)
9 5006 SOUTHERN RUDGE (21) R Exhir 5 10 0 _____ hr A Holdsworth (7)
10 5/15-540 ALTO PRINCESS (21) C Jones 7 10 0 _____ hr Ruhe 8 Steat (7)
11 300-00 SARBAQ (1534) (25) Mar 9 Lamyran 6 10 0 ___ hr N Mept (7)
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12 0400-00 MARINERS COVE (12) C Broad 8 10 0 ___ hr N Mept (7)
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Minimum weight: 10st. Biroquest St. 12b. Southern Ridge Bir 11b. Alto Princess Str. 11b. Subbog Bir 5b. Martines Dove 7st 8b. BETTIME: 3-1. Society Bout, 6-1 Form Jay, Mincodonns, 7-1 Zamirah, 10-1 Reartin Are Wild, Biroquest, 12-1 others

4.30 RESTORATION NOVICE HANDICAP CHASE (CLASS E) £4,200 added 2m 4f 110yds

Wordes in the second HYPERION 2.00 Stately Home 2.30 Green Crusader 3.00 Flimsy Truth 3.30 Uluru 4.00 Zamirah 4.30 Ol-

3.20 TOTE CREDIT HANDICAP HURDLE (CLASS B) £7,500 added 2m 3f 110yds

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liver Duckett 5.00 Le Baron 5.30 Charter GOING: Chases - Good: Hurdles - Good To Firm. ELET-Rand Course, revel was rung sampine, was said and cone furlong run-in.

Course is on the A443. Worrester (Foregate St) station 1m.

ADMRSSION: Members \$12.50; Taxensalis \$2.50; Course \$6 (OAPs \$2.50). GAR PARK: Free; pictric area parking \$2.50.

WINNERS IN THE LAST SEVEN DAYS: Boxing Match (4.30) Newton Abbot on Saturday.
-DISTANCE EUNNERS: Spenich River (5.30) sent 178 triles

from N Lampard's Kingsbridge stable in Devon. 200 ROUNDHEAD SELLING HURDLE (CLASS G) £2.650 added 2m 132351/ BEALFAN (712) (CD) B Combige 9 12 0 ______ Bory Lyons 452332 KNIZZAR (USA) (7) (7) A Combige 9 11 7 ____ D Walds (G) 3323P3 LAWKSWOOD ARNOR (11) J Spearing 9 11 7 _S Righting (7)

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7 654/800 BOLTROSE (28) J O'Shan 8 11.0 ... Millchard Brownins (7)
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9 054-063 HBH POST (21) G Ham 7 11.0 ... Sharmagh
10 080-300 MALLASTANG (205) R Strongs 8 11.0 ... K Dowgeey (7)
11 ... OPPP MIONSELIR EBOOKS (2) R Strongs 8 11.0 ... J K Parage
12 OOFSPP OUR REVOLD (29) I Brown 9 11.0 ... A 5 Shring
13 450P PETER PORTER (43) N PASION-Dakes 8 11.0 ... J Howey
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19 00-PPO SISTER ELLY (43) 7 Wed 6 10.9 ... R Manage (25)
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2.30 LEVY BOARD NOVICE HURDLE (CLASS E) £3,000 added 2m

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D) £5,100 added 2m 7f

3.30 JOHN BURNS MEMORIAL HANDICAP HURDLE (CLASS C) £5,000 added 3m

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Sailing STUART ALEXANDER

Ludde Ingvall, a skipper in the Grand Mistral round-the-world race, yesterday set the organisers a deadline of 1 May for assurances that the race will go

ahead with sufficient boats in

September.
"If there are not enough, then it might be better to postpone for a year, though that would mean clashing with another round-the-world race, the Whithread, which begins in Sep-tember 1997," Ingvall said.

Alternatively Ingvall, who was yesterday showing off Nico-rette, his Grand Mistral 80footer, in Southampton Water, may link up with Grant Dalton, Marc Pajot and Loick Peyron, to bring pressure on the race director, Pierre Fehlmann. They want him and his backers to fund enough entries to make a minimum fleet of eight.

Seven of the identical yachts have been built with backing from the French regional gov-ernment and Swiss banks, while Fehlmann's ally, Philip Morris, has been supporting his organ-isation of the race. Ingvall speculated on the Grand Mistral and Whitbread joining forces, but this seems unlikely at present. Today in Moscow, Tamil Tar-

7.30 unless stated

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(7.0); Sacondonagh v Chesterfield (7.0); Scanhorpe

v Chestor (7.0); Stockport v Bury (6.45); Whathen's V Cansis (7.0).

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WORLD CHAMPIONSNEP Britists semi-finals (7.30) (st Poole). PREMEER LEAGUE: Hull v Coventry (7.30); Long Eston v Esirburgh (7.30).

TODAY'S NUMBER

The height in inches (6ft 8in) of the Scottish golfer Gordon Sherry, who tomorrow will become the tallest player in the history of the US Masters. Sherry is 1in taller than the previous "Augusta Giant", the American Phil Blackmar.

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ras. 20, 8. 65 Lowes). Total: £2.20: £1.20, £1.50 DF £2.60 CSF: £6.20. Zdaz 8 1:3. (Althorn Classic 25-1: 12 ran. 7-2 fav Parkillo, 9, 1. (N Bycroft). Total: £4.50;

£38.46. Tricast £754.11. Trox £210.90 per mon. A pool of £267.41 is carried for-3.20c 1. HAWKSLEY HELL (K Fallon) 3-1: 2. Desig The Yard 12.1. 3. Effectite 6-1. 12 in. 2-1 for Domoor. 1½, 3-2. (MS) Residen). Toker £3.90; £1.50, £2.80. 1158-DR: 138-40, CSF: 5-3.41. Incast 215.82. Tro: £280.60. 4.00: 1. NITEONY. RAIDER U O'REBY! 4.00: 1. NITEONY. RAIDER U O'REBY! 4.52. The Printy Farmer 13-2: 3. Born A lange 1.23 rain. 5-2 for Arrogna (501). Ni, 4.04 Harry. Rain: £7.60: £2.10, £1.50. £2.50. Dr.: £37.60. CSF: £32.53. Tro: £4.50.

SOUTHWELL

230; 1. JARAAB (S Whithorth) 5-4 fav.

3.00: 1 CAROL AGAIN (J Quern) 9-2; 2

£1.80, £3.00, £13.00. DF £23.40. CSF:

RACING RESULTS 4,30: 1. FOIST (I Quiry) 11-8 tax; 2. Per 4,50: 1. PUIDI () QUITI) 11-5 (3/; 2. Perfect Brave 20-1; 3. Associate Venture 10-1, 15 ran. 1½, 6. (M.W. Easterby), Totac 52-30: £150, £3-20, £5-10. DF: £42-20. CSF: £35-25. Treast £244-17. Tro: £111-50. Place pot: £56-20, Quadpot: £35-50, Place 6: £78.44. Place 5: £60.63. UTOXETER

2 10: 1 RAY RIVER U RIVER) 20-1; 2. Ed-2.10: 1. HAV RIVER U reply 2-12 Edward Seymour 10-1: 3. Antarticles 11-2-2. Edward Seymour 10-1: 3. Antarticles 11-2-2. Edward Seymour 10-1: 3. Page 14-2. Edward Seymour 10-1: 3. Page 14-2. Edward Seymour 10-1: 3. Page 14-2. Edward Seymour Debou.

2251.85 of. Not length Separate, 1800; 2.40: 1. GOLDWAN (A MCOM) 9.1; 2. Ex-christon 25-1; 3. Weyterers Way 5-100 Ser. 25-20: 5-1 to Says Crass Along, Printh. Sh-hd, 7; (O Nichoton, Temple Quing). Tota: 58.40; 22.60, (13.00, £1.90, Dr.; £472.00, CSF. £206.25, (13.00, £1.91, Dr.; £ 3.10: 1 MERLIN'S LAD (M.A. Fitzerald) 5-6 fav. 2. Just One Canadato 9-4: 3. Er-lene 8-1. 4 san. 13, 13. U Edwards, Ross-on-Wye). Tota: £1.70, DP: £2.10, CSF. £2.91. 01-We). Total EL. (U. D.: ELID. CSF. E291. 3.40: 1 HOLY WANDERER (G. Hogen) 7: 2: 2 Bores 15-2: 3. Dreams End 9-4 fav. 7 rsh. 174. 15. (T. George, Stroug). Total 54.80: E2.80, £3.40. DF: £15.80. CSF. 525.72. Totals: E51.14. NR. Nadjari.

4.10: 1. LARRY'S LOED (A MCCOM 7-4 fav. Direct 7-2; 3. Dark Oak 11-2. 6 rest. 9, 11. (P Nicholis, Shepton Mallet). Tota: £2.60; £1.10, £1.80. DF: £5.50. CSF; £7.86. 4.40: 1. COUNTRY STAR [G Bradley] 3-1; 2. Rolle 2-1 fav; 3. The Angel Leek 14-1, 15 ma. 10, 7. (C Brooks, Lambourt). Toke: 53.07; £1.70; £50, £2.20. Df; £3.70. CSF: £8.64. Tro: £26.00. NR: Shalk. 5.10: 1 NESCAF (A McCoy) 4-1: 2. Grooms Gold 15-2: 3. El Fraddle 8-1: 18

ran. 6-4 fav Past Master (5th). 14-, 7. (C Marm, Lambourn). Tote: £6.30; £2.00, £2.20, £2.10 DP £18.30 CSF, £31.00. Tno: kpot: £24.408.40; £27.502.53 carried forward to Roon today.
Placepot: £115.90. Quadpot: £15.30.
Place &: £156.97, Place &: £37.40. WETHERBY 2.20: 1. POTTER'S BAY (R Johnson) 2-1 tor, 2. Desert Mission 4-1; 3. Desert Fighter 5-2, 13 year, 13, 8, (D) Normison, Tem-

The Basi Clash 11-2; 3. Celtic Town 9-2. 7 ran. 2-1 fay Beaurepaire (pulled up). 8, 13. U Oliver, Hawcki. Tote: £4.90; £2.20, £106.09, NR: Cool Weather. Ogden) 5-2; 2. Copper Thistie 11-10 fav; 3. Institu 12-1. 10 ran. Dist, 1. (G Richards, Greystoke). Tota: £2.90; £1.40, £1.40. £1.80. DF: £3.00. CSF: £5.60. Tric: £7.10. 4.50: 1. SHENING EDGE (R Garitar) 4-1; 2. Ceptaur Express 9-4 fay; 3. Feir And Fan-cy 8-1. 6 ran. 4.7. (T Eastedy, Mattern) Total: £5.10; £2.00, £1.40. DF: £4.60. CSP:

5.20: 1. PUREVALUE (8 Hardne) 5-4 fav. 2. Railisa 7-2; 3. Twoedswood 14-1, 12 ran. 6, 11. (M W Easterby, Shenff Hutton). Totae £2.30; £1.70, £1.30, £2.60. DF: : 2.50: 1, ISSVIN (R Gently) 6-1; 2. Pope-250: 1. Restar to escape or 2, 2, represent 25-1: 2. Newtones General ruens for. 8 run. 142, 74 (M V Easterly, Sheriff Hr. tur). Tota: 55-90; £1-50, £4-50, £1-30, DF: 554-70. CSF: £102.54. Treas: £244.08. 52.90. CSF: 56.55, Tno: £30.10. NR: Bement Of Risk.
Placepoi: £17.60. Quadpot: £14.90.

3.20: 1. ERZADIAN (P Niven) 8-15 fev;

2. Carnetto 11-2; 3. White Willow 8-1. 5

£1.50; £2.40, £1.50. DF: £4.00. CSF:

3.50: 1. HOWCLEUCH (B Storey) 9-2; 2.

£3.99, MR: Carabali Dancer.

OLYMPIC GAMES: With 100 days to go before the opening ceremony, the countdown to the Centennial Olympiad has begun in earnest. Rupert Cornwell reports from Atlanta on the glitz and glamour preceding all the razzmatazz

Heat is on for America's Big Chicken

n a hleak early April morning, whipped by an icy wind coursing between the downtown skyscrapers, you can hardly believe it. But unless the seasons have reversed themselves irrevocably, in just 100 days the Centennial Olympics will formally get under way in this very place, in a steamy all-enveloping beat that makes the tropics seem tender. A record 197 competing teams will gather, not in Athens as history suggested, and certainly all of Greece insisted - hut here in this surging metropolis of the "New South", where antiquity means life before shopping malls, and the closest you get to a Greek temple is four plexiglass and wire columns on Margaret Mitchell plaza at the corner of Peachtree and Forsyth streets. Ms Mitchell's Gone with the Wind may be the legend of Atlanta. The reality is Newt Gingricb and

'If people don't know it's hot in Atlanta, they haven't been living on this planet'

Martin Lutber King, CNN and Coca-Cola, and a refurbished city

arising from a building site.
Indisputably, though, order is emerging from chaos. The red brick Olympic stadium, next to the old Atlanta Braves baseball stadium which it will replace next year, is virtually complete. Huge highways gleam with fresh tarmac. The Centennial Olympic park on the previously derelict site just west of downtown - personalised paving hricks on sale for \$35 (£23.50) apiece - is taking shape, as is the adjoining Coca-Cola theme park where visitors will be able to race against the likes of Linford Christie and Carl Lewis in virtual reality 100 metre finals. The brand new Olympic village is ready too, fully airconditioned on the downtown cam-

pus of Georgia Tech University. Of course there are glitches - "a new worry every day," says Boh Brennan of the Atlanta Committee



Taking shape: The Olympic Stadium in Atlanta, where the Centennial Games will start in 100 days' time

them is a legal battle hetween. ACOG and the companies who designed the Olympic stadium about unpaid overtime and an alleged design flaw which brought a bank of floodlights crashing down from a 150ft steel tower last year, killing a welding worker.

There are complaints about the myriad construction sites around the city and the even greater disruptions which lie ahead this summer "Doo't blame me, I voted for Athens," proclaims a best-selling bumpersticker). Price-gouging by hotels and people letting rooms for the Games has drawn foud protest, table, Jimmy Carter, never quite forgiven by the international Olympic movement for the US boycott of the 1980 Moscow games.

And, more basically, does Atlanta's image measure up? For all. the city's clan, the 26th Olympiad means global prime time for the Bubba belt, meaning that the Confederate flag, symbol of slavery and Southern obduracy and still part of Georgia's state flag, will be seen on half a billion TV screens around the world. Nor is everyone as insouciant as Atlanta's former may-

for the Olympic Games, the body responsible for the whole \$1.7bn (£1.15bn) enterprise. Latest among (£1.15bn) enterprise. Latest among ward shadow of another local on-Familia." he told reporters, "but we Familia." he told reporters, "but we do have the Big Chicken.

In other words, those seeking masterpieces of post-modernist religious architecture must look elsewhere. But for fans of fast food restaurants whose parking lots are graced by 63ft-tall statues of their prime mem item, this is it. Even so, when ber big night comes, the southern belle will surely be ready. But she'd better wear a cool dress to the ball.

-First and last in any conversation about these games comes the weather-those endless 90-degree, 90 per or, Maynard Jackson, taking his cent humidity days which add up to leave four years ago from the splen- July in these parts. Not to put too

fine a point on it, Atlanta will be a sweatbath. The organisers have devised a system to keep horses cool, they have shifted the marathoo to the kindest hour of 7.05am, and oo less than 21 million pounds of ice are already being stockpiled to cool man and beast this summer. But ultimately there is oo defeating Mother Nature. "If people don't know it's bot in Atlanta," says Brennan with weary defiance, "they haven't been living oo this planet."

It is little known but true that Atlanta considered bidding for the 1984 Games which ultimately went to Los Angeles, setting up an informal group which weot to bave a look at Montreal, where the 1976 Games bad just been beld. But potential or others perhaps in history, these event in the history of the US."

ganisers concluded Atlanta was not ready. So what's the difference between then and oow? A bigger city and better infrastructure, explains Brennan - "and Billy Payne".

Payne is ACOG's president, an Atlanta real estate lawyer and onetime college football star for wbom the 1996 Games have been a holy mission, and whose life was an unbroken sequence of 18-hour days to ensure that mission succeeded. ayne has husiness failings, but lack of drive is not among them. Of late, wary of a suspect heart, he bas slowed down, no longer arriving at the office at 3.30am to make European morning calls to the IOC in Switzerland. Even so, more than any

Olympic Games, for better or worse, are identified with one man. As 19 July approaches, however, the emphasis is shifting from strategic decisions of the ACOC high command to more mundane matters, like making sure the 70,000 people the Games will employ know what they are supposed to do, and testing out individual facilities. Most of these have already been given dry runs; the showpiece track and field arena will be put through its pates when the official US Olympic team trials are beld there next month.

Simultaneously a gigantic man keting exercise gathers speed. Half of Coca-Cola's \$1.3bn (£0.87bn) at vertising budget for 1996 will be geared to its home-town Games. Souvenirs run from T-shirts and a suitably irritating children's mascot called lzzy (a character from a mythical land inside the Olympic torch, no less) to limited edition

This is bigger than a World Fair, it's the largest peacetime event in the history of the US

Fabergé eggs at \$5,000 (£3,350) a throw. At the very top of the line. are 22-seat luxury boxes at the main stadium for every track and: Photograph: Ross Henderson field session, plus the opening and closing ceremonies. A few are still available for a mere \$544,500: (£365,500) - food not included.

At best, these games will show only a small profit but, short of some organisational or terrorist calamity, they cannot but be a boon for the city. By the end of August ACOG will be out of business," Brennan says. "But Atlanta gets a \$500m (£335m) legacy the stadium, the Olympic park, other sports facilities and new university residences. And, by then we're going to be one of the best known places in the world. Less than two dozen cities in the world have done. this in 100 years. This is bigger than a World Fair, bigger than the 1994 World Cup, it's the largest peacetime

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Hastings ready for his big kick-off ugby union team, was trying out for the Scottish Claymores of the

World League of American Football was greeted in many quarters as nothing more sub-stantial than a publicity stunt. The Claymores, who struggled on and off the field during their inaugural campaign last year, would doubless welcome

an athlete of Hastings' standing, with his presence on the sidelines guaranteed to increase an average atteodance which failed to top 10,000.

If it is a stunt, theo someone should have a quiet word in the 34-year-old full-hack's ear, because he has gone about win-ning the job of place-kicker with single-mindedness and determination which characterised much of his play on the rugby field.

In the spartan environment of the Claymores' training camp in Carrollton, Georgia, he was ust another number. A oumber vith some ceiebrity, perhaps, but the kicker's function is too mportant to be given away. If gruelling practice session. "I knew I was in for a complete culture shock, but I'm still coming to terms with bow difficult it is. I'm on this vertical learning curve, where I'm discover-

ing something new every day." In terms of physical prowess and temperament, an inter-national regby full-back should be the equal of his American football counterpart, but perceived similarities in kicking technique are misleading. Where in rugby the kicker dictates the tempo of the attempt on the grid-iron it is a matter of timing and teamwork in the face

of 11 hostile opponents. The higgest adjustment Gavin will face is that he will be the target, the guy they are try-ing to knock senseless," said Mick Luckhurst, a former rugby full-back who enjoyed a sevenyear career kicking for the Atlanta Falcons in the National Football League.

"He's used to doing whatever be wants before a kick, hut in American football it is less than a second from when the ball is snapped to when the kicker makes contact. Any longer, and the kick will be blocked."

Scotsman hoping to make the grade in

smooth for Hastings, who has enjoyed few favours in the relentless environ of an American football training camp, where his status as a rugby legend has cut little ice. The key has been harnessing his raw potential within a strictly disciplined framework.

"There are three of us in-



The transition has not been Hastings: Earning respect

American Football

and holder is a whole new experience for me." Jim Criner, the Claymores' bead coach, has been impressed by his professionalism and dedication. "Gavin is as competitive as any player I've coached, and since camp started I've seen him improve every single day," be said. "But he won't be given the

bas every chance."

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Georgia weather offered little

assistance for kickers, but Hast-

ings caught the eye when he con-

verted four of six field goal attempts on a sodden field. A successful 47-yard kick into a

strong side wind in a pre-season scrimmage against the Frankfurt

Galaxy served to underline the rapid strides he has made.

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The news that Gavin Hastings, would take two weeks out of my Nick Halling on the volved in the process: the snaperally practice alooe, left on the During his tip if we're not working in unison. Georgia, however. Hastings has then we have no chance," Hastclearly gained his team-mates' ings said. "The kicking techacceptance and respect. nique is not essentially different, "He's just brought all of us tohut working with a snapper

gether," said Paul McCallum, the Claymores' punter. "He has captained his country, so it shouldn't come as a surprise that he bas these leadership qualities.

It is still too early to say for certain whether Hastings will be on the sidelines when the Claymores begin their season against the London Monarchs on Sunday. His progress in camp has led the coaching staff to believe that he can handle kick-offs, extra point attempts and short field goals. Longer kicks may be entrusted to McCallum.

The final decision may rest with the player, who has little to gain and much to lose, should he make a fool of himself.

"I want to make a positive contribution to this team and to the World League," he said. "But if that's not possible, then I probably won't do it. You could argue that it would have been easier for me to continue playing international rugby. Kicking an American foothall looks so simple, but I can assure you it's not."

FRESHLY Hastings does make the team he will have earned his place on "I can't believe anyone thinks this is some kind of joke, that I SQUEEZED **Amateurs seek help**

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thus helping amateurs in their campaign to reach the Games. The lone British entry for the Atlanta Olympics is David Burke, the 21-year-old Liver-pool featherweight who reached the semi-finals of the European Championships and then secured qualification by beating

lan Irwin, Britain's hoxing coach, yesterday appealed to

professional promoters to leave

eading amateurs free to com-

the Boxing Board of Control,

called for a single organisation to run both codes of the sport,

pete in the Olympic Games.

Boxing

Scott Harrison of Scotland in an eliminator. Since the 1994 Commonwealth Games, Irwin has, for example, lost the heavyweight Danny Williams, the hantamweight Spencer Oliver and the light-welterweight Pe-ter Richardson to the paid ranks. All three would have been candidates to go to At-Irwin said: "I think what

professional. Then we could have some discussion with the professional people and say: At the moment it's all one way. At the end of the day you will get a better product if can you leave them with us until the end of the Olympic cycle.' We should have had people

after our amateurs better, giving

more government support so

they won't be as quick to turn

like Naseem Hamed going to the Olympics with us this year. But we have had an everincreasing loss to the professional ranks. We've got one left from the last Commonwealth Games and none left from the Barcelona Olympics.

"For Barcelona, there were four qualifying tournaments. This time they decided to make the European Championships the only qualifier, which made very, very tough.

What made it tougher still was that they seeded any Euro-pean boxer who reached the quarter-final of last year's World Championships. It was very sad indeed that Burke and Harrison had to box off because we've got to do is perhaps look they are both featherweights.

"That should never happen again. Harrison won a European bronze and he's the only boxer to have won a medal and oot go to the Olympics. That takes some accepting." Morris replied: "My own

personal belief is that there should be an umbrella organisation for all boxing in Britain. It should have sufficient powers to sustain a slightly higher age limit for people turning professional [which is 18 at the moment].

"That would give the ama-teurs that bit more continuity. Nineteen could be a start and that would be well received by the amateurs.

"I don't want it to appear that I am levelling any criticism at the England team, or those who prepared them. In their coach Ian Irwin they have a first class and very dedicated man. If they are disappointed, we are disappointed, so what do you do? You see if you can get together to do something about it, and what could we do in the next four years to produce a strong British amateur team for the Sydney Olympics."

Harmon in the clear after neck injury

Rugby League

The Leeds captain, Neil Harmon, has been cleared of any serious damage after being carried off in a neck-hrace on Monday, writes Dave Hadfield.

Harmon collapsed after makng a tackle in the defeat by St Helens at Headingley and was taken to hospital for scans on his neck and hack, which had gone into spasm. He has now been given a clean bill of health and could be ready for Leeds next

game, at Oldham on Saturday. The former Wigan and England player. Barrie-Jon Mather, who was carried off playing for the Western Reds in Perth at the weekend, has also been cleared of any spinal injury. However, a hroken jaw will deny Paris St-Germain the services of the Australian stand-off, Todd

Brown, for at least six weeks. London Broncos feel they are neing singled out for unfair treatment from referees and they are asking the Rugby Foot-

ball League to review the tapes of their first three Super League games. The Broncos' football manager, Robbie Moore, is concerned about the penalty count. "We're asking Greg Mc-Callum, the referees supervisor, to look at the videos of those games and tell us where we are going wrong," he said. "It's something that requires the League's urgent attention, oth-erwise our players - not to mention our fans - will start to become disillusioned."

The Oceania Cup, designed to bring Fiji, Tonga, Western Samoa and the Cook Islands into regular international com-petition after their successes in the Centenary World Cup, has been called off for this season. The tournament has been scrapped because Super League's appeal is to be heard

in court in Australia in May. The Oceania tour of the British Isles, including matches in Scotland, Wales and Ireland, in October, should be unaffected.

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Rugby teeters on the brink of a second great split

At Twickenham yesterday, Cliff Brittle repeated one of his favourite assertions since the membership of the Rughy Football Union made him ntive in express defiance of the executive. With the introducsaid, English rugby was trying to do in months what should realistically take years.

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Wife chief retir

This is a reasonable point, though it is extraordinary that it is England alone which has undergone such a paroxysm since the dread day when the International Rugby Board declared rugby open - for business - nearly eight months ago. If you didn't know, you

would surely guess that in Australia, New Zealand and South Africa they just got on with it. The trouble is that the eight

months have in fact turned oul chairman of the union's exec- to be three, because it was only once Brittle was constated preference of that very tentiously elected in January that negotiations between the tion of professionalism, he RFU and its major clubs could begin in earnest. Three months to work out how to run and pay for a professional dispensation that, by Brittle's own account, should have taken three or even five years... perhaps it is not so surprising that the English game is tearing itself asun-

> At any rate, it will do if the clubs execute their threat in remove themselves from the

union's jurisdiction. They want autonomously to run and gain the full financial benefit of those competitions in which they participate, whereas the RFU insists its untrammelled control over English rugby and its exclusive rights to television and sponsorship monies are

non-negotiable. As these are among the principal negotiating positions of the clubs - represented these days by the ghastly acronym EPRUC (English Prnfessinnal Rugby Union Clubs) - they have since yesterday been left with the straight choice of hacking down or hreaking away. For the latter to

Steve Bale analyses how months of negotiation have led to an impasse in the headlong rush towards professionalism

union to do likewise.

Whether in England or elsewhere, we should believe it when we see it, though if it did happen the RFU would be hugely embarrassed, nnt only because of the awful consequences but because the hroadcasters who have supposedly pledged their undying fidelity tn the union would be shown instead to have been duplicitous in the extreme.

This crisis may seem to have be credible, they would need the equivalent clubs of every awares, but the exactitude of

were given their 15 minutes or seven hours, if you add the other significant European hindsight demonstrates that it meetings together - of fame. The clubs set out on the road has been a possibility ever since the IRB consigned amateurism to history. The RFU takes to yesterday's hreakdown as soon as the commission had great pride in the convoluted. been appointed, talking a good boycott and complaining of but preciously democratic, way it then set about implementing inadequate representation for

> only big union around the world to have had a commission of investigation and special general meeting of the membership. So keen were the hoi-polloi to talk about the vexed subject

> that they even had to have a

second special general meeting,

the new dispensation. It has the First Division, which would, congratulated itself on being the after all, be at the sharp end of professionalism. From there the situation deteriorated only slowly, until the orgy of recrimination that has taken place

over the past 10 days.

At first, Tony Hallett, the RFU secretary, and Peter Wheeler, then the biggest of the

at the first one. But at least they

hasically to agree to some-thing they had already agreed First Division hig shots, had continued an amicable hut esthing they had already agreed sentially meaningless dialogue. The sea-change occurred the weekend before last when 19 of EPRUC's 20 members - the exception being London Scottish - boycotted a meeting at Twickenham and were then surprised to find Brittle and Hallett using

less conciliatory language. The ensuing campaign of ohloquy against Brittle was both unpleasant and counterproductive. The two sides are left further apart than ever at the very moment - less than a month from the end of the season and the RFU's moratorium on club professionalism when they should have long

And though the RFU has been at best dilatory, EPRUC made a calamitous diplomatic blunder in expecting Sir John Hall of Newcastle United and Newcastle RFC to have the slightest idea that what makes rugby tick is different from what makes football tick.

It has been reported that when Hall met Brittle last Thursday Hall had to be physically restrained, and even Brittle admits the confrontation was "heated". But now, if ever, is a time for cool heads and ratinnal debate. The Rugby Football Union has called the hluff of its great clubs and waits to see if there will be a second great split 101 years

Keegan's pride amid the pain

Glenn Moore on where this season's individual and team prizes may end up

Judging by Easter Monday's results it is time for Alex Ferguson to find some more mantlepiece space and invest in

a new fridge. Managing the league champ-ions invariably brings the acco-lade of Manager of the Year and with it a trophy, £7,500 and, since the sponsors are Carling, more lager than Ferguson is ever likely to drink (though he can choose champagne in-

There is another, more recent managerial award, one which is voted for by their peers. This one takes account of resources as well as results and has so far eluded the boss of the title winners. Instead it has rewarded managers who have prospered on more modest means - Dave Bassett, Joe Kinnear and Frank Clark.

On that basis Harry Redknapp must stand a good chance this season but so, for a change, should the two men whose teams are duelling for the championship, Ferguson and Kevin Keegan.

No one could suggest Keegan is been operating on modest many years. Sadly for Newcastle supporters, it increasingly looks as if Keegan's citation will not, however, be for the manner in which his team won the title, but for the way he handled their losing of it.

There are not many managers who, faced with a second crushing last-minute defeat in five days, would have presented such a gracious face to the public. Many would not have presented any kind of face, especially not while the steam was still rising from his players' hacks.

Keegan was candid and sto-There are some who would prefer him to be cursing and snarling, but it was crystal clear that defeat hurt, that he was only just keeping his emotions

Keegan virtually admitted on Monday night that the title was lost when he hegan talking about coming second. That may indced spell the end for Newcastle for, if the great motivator does not believe it is still possible, how can he convince his players?

Yet, as Keegan recognised, Newcastle, despite their loss of form, would still be top if it were not for Manchester United's remarkable recent run.

That they have done so well in what is supposed to be a transitional season is a tribute to Ferguson's judgement and manmanagement. He has proved he was right to sell Mark Hughes and Paul Ince, and that he could overcome the departure of Andrei Kauchelskis. He has coaxed a young side to within reach of a significant triumph, for they are only likely to get better.

He has also helped Eric Can-tona reform: himself. The Frenchman is making one of those late runs for an award himself, the Footballer of the Year. His goals have made the difference in each of Manresources, but he has huilt the chester United's last six League most exciting team to watch in games, five of which have been won, one drawn. They have included stunning volleys, like the one against Arsenal, and tap-ins, as against Coventry.

Yet, while he has stayed out of trouble since his return, he appears dismissive of the wider responsibilities of his stardom when set against Ruud Gullit's example. The Dutchman has given press and public new insights into the game and, while he will not win a medal this year, think what he could have achieved with Manchester United

This vote will, however, go to ical after the Blackburn defeat. a player who has both made a significant contribution to Manchester United's success and is not scripted by Nike: Peter Schmeichel. If he played for Newcastle, they would still be



Out of reach: Marquis Grissom of the Atlanta Braves fails to reach third base with his dive and is tagged out in the second inning by Mike Blowers of the Los Angeles Dodgers. Hideo Nomo pitched the first shut-out of the season, only giving up three hits, as the Dodgers won their first home game 1-0.

Cup final rehearsal for Rangers and Hearts

Rangers tonight tackle the first threatened Kilmarnock at of five remaining fixtures which Parkhead. will decide whether they or Celtic have the opportunity of playing in the European Cham-pions' League next season.

Walter Smith's double-chasing side, five points ahead in the title race with five matches to play, travel to Edinburgh to meet Hearts at Tynecastle in a rehearsal of the Tennents Scot-

tish Cup final on 18 May. Celtic, meanwhile, will try to lift themselves after their Old Firm semi-final defeat on Sunday as they meet relegation-

It is annther intriguing evening made all the more interesting by yesterday's declaration by both clubs that they will join the end-of-season scramble to sign Gianluca Vialli when the Juventus captain's

contract expires. The Rangers captain Richard Gough, meanwhile, will be asked to decide for himself if he is fit to return for the game at Hearts after a five-week ab-

"Richard has had the bene-

fit of some more training but we have to be careful with a calf muscle injury," the Ibrox assistant manager, Archie Knox, said. "We will make a decision nearer the time and it will be up to Richard if he feels he is

ready to play. "Hearts are through to the Cup final and they were the last side to beat us when they came to Ibrox and won 3-0 in January. Their players will be playing for Cup final places and have a chance of Eurnpe through the league so there is a lot to play for on hoth sides. a helluva lot more to be done before we achieve anything.

"Beating Celtic last Sunday was a hig win for us. If beating your great rivals in a Cup semi doesn't lift you, then nothing will, but we still have to go out and perform today."

While Rangers expect to field a similar side to the one that beat Celtic, Hearts will give a debut to their new £400,000 signing from Raith, Colin Cameron. Gary Locke is doubtful with an ankle injury and their

good position but there is still said: "We know it will be a hard game against Rangers and we fering supporters."I don't don't see it as a cup final re- expect any reaction to Sunday hearsal. The final is a long other than a positive one, way away right now and we have five games in which to John Collins back in his squad try and finish as high up the after a groin problem. league as possible."

After the hurting, comes the healing. That is the hope for Celtic and their supporters as Kilmarnock visit Parkhead. Manager Tommy Burns yesterday described Sunday's 2-1 defeat by Rangers as "hard to take" and spoke of "lying in bed

long into the night" on his ef-forts to reward Celtic's long-sufsaid Burns, who could have

The Celtic supporters must take great credit for the ovation they gave us at full-time at Hampden and everything we do is for them," he added, "I'm sure the ground will be full for the Kilmarnock game because they realise there is still a hig

Henman and Petchey fall at the first

Ele proper dé

Britain's Tim Henman and New Delhi yesterday.

ATP events, raced to a 6-1 success in the first set against Denmark's Frederik Fetterlein hut then lost the next two sets, 6-1 and 6-0. Petchey was beaten 6-4, 6-4 by the top seed from Sweden, Thomas Enqvist.

Parking ticket

sparks rivalry

A parking ticket that was given

to the manager of a Spanish

team by a policeman who sup-

ports their arch-rivals has

caused controversy in Seville.

zo Serra Ferrer, reacted angri-

ly to the fine and was detained

for four hours on Saturday by

a policeman who is a season-

ticket holder with their neigh-

yours, Seville.

The Real Betis coach, Loren-

Persistent rain forced the postponement of yesterday's scheduled first-round matches Mark Petchey were both beat- at the Hong Kong Open men's en in the the first round of the Indian Open tournament in pras and Michael Chang were due to play the Canadian, Se-Henman, who recently bastian Lareau, and South reached the semi-finals of two

spectively. Venus Williams, touted as one of the outstanding players of the future, retired with a hip

Great Britain plan to spring a surprise on their World Champ-

ionship rivals in their campaign

to regain a place in the top flight.

hopeful of gaining promotion to Pool A a year after they came

close to relegation from Pool B.

Britam play Latvia in Eind-hoven today, before facing Switzerland, Poland, the Neth-

erlands, Japan, Denmark and

then Belarus a week on Friday.

believes their performance last

year, when the event clashed

with the Wembley play-offs,

could work in their favour this

time. "Some of the teams who

Shannon Hope, the captain,

The 23-strong squad are

ice hockey

Island, Florida, yesterday. The 197th-ranked 15-year-old, who has rarely been seen on tour since turning professional in October 1994, suffered a right hip joint injury in the sixth game against Germany's Veronika Martinek. Williams retired at 3-5 behind.

thinking facing Britain will be

another easy game," he said. "But we are a lot stronger this

year, so the surprise will work

in our favour. Our preparations

this time round could not be

more different than last year.

clashed with Wembley, so some players, like myself, were flying

home in between games to play

for their clubs. It wasn't the best

way to prepare and we nearly

fell out of Pool B because of it."

be a force in Pool B with a five-

match unbeaten start to their

Olympic qualification pro-

gramme. During that time they

have beaten two of the teams

they face over the next fortnight

Britain have shown they can

"Then, the Championships

"I began to hurt and I was taught not to play when hurt [by my parents]." Williams said. "There's a lot of examples on injury in the first set of her first-round match at the Bausch & to win a match and then not be-Lomh championships in Amelia ing able to play for months."

Britain bank on surprise

we played last year and who had - the Danes and the Dutch -

big wins over us will be and drawn in Switzerland.

French ring changes with four new caps Rugby Union

France have named an experimental line-up, including four uncapped players, for the friendly against Romania in Auxilla a greek on Saturday. Aurillac a week on Saturday. The hooker Herve Guiraud,

lock Hugues Miorin, flanker Christophe Moni and wing David Venditti are the new men the French selectors hope will revitalise their fortunes after the recent Five Nations disappointment.

The French manager, Jo Maso, said: "We need to try out players who are keen to assert themselves." The coach, Jean-Claude Skrela, added: "It was a sad winter for France. In spring, I want players who are eager to play and enjoy themselves."

Richard Dourthe, who was sidelined at the end of the championship after stamping on England's Ben Clarke, returns at full-back in place of Jean-Luc Sadourny who asked to be rested. Alain Penaud returns as stand-off, forcing Thomas Cas-

taiguede on to the bench. The booker Jean-Claude Gonzalez, the flanker Laurent Cabannes and the stand-off Thierry Lacroix are the main absentees. FRANCE (v Romania, Aurilia, 20 Aprille Rou-tre; O Vendon, ni Campen, 6 Gas., P Sant-An-dre (zapt; A Penaud, 6 Accocteny, C Callino, N Guraud, F Tournare, O Roumat, H Monn, C Mona, M Lubremon, A Senaza, Replacements: E Narrack, T Cassarbete. P Carbonnes:

SPORTING DIGEST Baseball

Following the on-field death of umpire John McSherry last week, the veteran National League umpire, Eric Gregg, has been granted a temporary leeve of absence to try to reduce and stabilise his weight. Gregg, who is in his 19th major league season, is listed as 6ft 4in and 23st 3th, roughly the same size as McSherry, whose weight was considered a contributing factor to his health problems and fatal heart attack. The Major League also announced that it had appointed Edward Montague as crewichief to replace McSherry.

chief to repiace McSherry.

Hideo Nomo prtched a three-hitter and outshore Tom Glavina as the Los Angeles Dodgers defeated the Atlanta Braves 1-0 in the Dodgers' home opening game in front of 53,180 fans.

The prtching duel was between the the 1995 National League Rookle of the Year and World Series Most Valuable Player. Nomo, who was 13-6 as a rookle last year, recorded the first complete game shutput of the 1996 seeson and game shutout of the 1996 season and the fourth of his career.

AMERICAN LEAGUE: Postponed: Boston Marinesons.

Marinonal. LEAGUE: Colorado 6 Chicago 9;
Los Angeles 1 Atlanta 0; San Diego 9 Florida 2; Pittisburgh 3 Philadelphia 6; Cincinnati 7 New York 6; Houston 6 San Francisco 2;
St. Louis 3 Montreal 4 (10 Innings).

Basketball

The Chicago Bulls' NBA record 44-game home winning streak ended as the Charlotte Homets beat Chicago 98-97, ending Michael Jordan and his team's quest to become the first in league history to go undefeated at home. Despite the loss, the Bulls need to win four of their final seven games to become the first team in league history to win 70 games in a season.

NBA: New York 98 Seattle 108; Philadelphia 82 New Jersey 79; Washington 111 Marrii 99; Minnesote 115 Toronto 101; Chicage 97 Charlone 98; Indiana 97 Alpine 95; Urah 91 Sen Antonio 92; Golden State 102 Dalles 104; LA Cuppers 102 Portland 89. NBA: New York 98 Seattle 108; Philat

Cricket

The start of the Sharjah Cup limitedovers tournament has been put back one day to Friday after the death of a member of the Sharjah ruling family. Un-der the revised funerary for the three-teem competition. Debitions are balls team competition, Pakistan play India, rather than South Africa, in the open-ing match. The final is to be held on

19 April as scheduled. 19 April as scrieduled.
REVISED ITIMERARY (Sherjah Cup): 12 April
India v Pekistan; 13 April Pekistan v South
Africa; 14 April India v South Africa; 15 April
India v Pakistan; 16 April Pekistan v South
Africa; 17 April India v South Africa; 18 April
Rest day: 19 April Final.

Football The Yugoslav international Budomir

Vujacic, of Sporting Lisbon, underwent knee surgery yesterday and will be out of action for up to six months. SMIRNOFF RISH LEAGUE Premier Division: Cruseders 1 Bangor O. First Division: Carrick Rangers 1 Lame O.

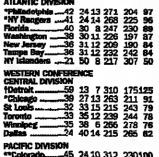
AVON INSURANCE COMBINATION First Division: Arsenal 2 Norwich 0; Charlton 1 Mil-wall 1. WORLD CUP Concect first round second leg (Caribbean Zone): St George's: Grena-da 6 Guyana 0 (Grenada win 3-1 on aggre-gate and meet Hald in second round). MONDAYS LATE RESULTS: Premier League: Blackburn 2 Newcastle 1. Beazer Homes League Premier Division: Burton 2 Atherstone 2: Worzeste 0 Haleswen Town:

Licis Lengue Second Division: Croydon O Bansteed O, Unitional Langue First Division: Netherfield 2 Lancester City 2. North West Conntiles, Lengue First Division: Blackpool Rovers O Newcastie Town 2; St Helens S Salford City 1. Bord Cale Langue of Ireland: Bohermans O St Patnok's Athletic O; Dundalk O Sigo Rovers 1. French Langue: Lens 2 Monaco 1.

ice hockey

Ayr have added a Scottish dimension to the Superleague by becoming the several side to sign up for the new competition. The recently-formed club will be based at the west-coast town's Centrum Arena, which is due to be com-pleted soon. Sheffield, Manchester, Cardiff, Basingstoke, Newcastle and Bracknell have already been confirmed as Superleague members. EASTERN CONFERENCE







SCORE DRAWS (7): 8, 16, 18, 21, 27, 38 49, NO-SCORE DRAWS (7): 17, 24, 28, 33, 34, 46, 47, iDividend forecast is good, with seven score draws, and telephone claims are

Stephen Hendry will start as the favourite to win the Embassy World Champonship when the tournament starts at The Crucible Theatre, Sheffield, on 20 April. The defending champion, chasing a sixth world title, has been priced at 13-8 on by William Hill book-makers to pick up the ton prize.

makers to pick up the top prize.

Swimming

Although Jessica Foschi, the 15-year-old American swimmer, has been cleared by the American Arbitration As-sociation of all blame over a positive test for steroids, swimming's world govern-ing body. Fina, said yesterday it was launching its own investigation. Foschi, who falled to qualify for this summer's Olympics in Atlanta, tested positive at the US national championships in Pasadena, California, last August.

Tennis

first round: I, Puchterova (Cz Rep) bt A Carls-son (Swe) 6-2 7-5; S Hack (Ger) bt A Sorra-Zanetti (R. 6-4 6-1 7-5; R Dragomir (Rom) bt T Whatinger Jones (US) 6-2 6-0; V Mar-tinek (Ger) bt V Williams (US) 5-3 fref); K Ri-naldi-Stunkel (US) bt P Schwarz (Aut) 6-7 6-2 7-6; C Cristea (Rom) bt 8 Rittner (Ger) 6-3 6-3; C Papadala (Gr) bt L Golersa (t) 6-2 6-4; A Dechaume-Balleret (Fr) bt M J Gaidano (Arg) 6-1 6-3; A Miller (US) bt F Zuluaga (Col) 6-1 6-4; P by Boutars (Carl) bt S Cacchin (t) 6-4 6-1; A Temesian (Hun) bt S Cacchin (t) 6-2 6-3; in Negociatina (n.) in 3 7 and (n.) 2-64-2 free; i. Ghirardi Rubbi (Ph.) to G Niesea IUS) 7-66-1; P Suarez (Arg) bt Fang Li (Chi-nai 7-66-2; T Jeomenica (rug) bt M Paz (Arg) 7-66-2; J Husarova (Stocki) of Niowak (Phi) 6-36-1; 8 Schen (Aut) bt S Merer (Gen 4-6 6-46-3; S Pulkowski (Fri) bt D Majobricova (Stocki) 5 Pulkowski (Fri) bt D Majobricova

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Serra Ferrer could be given ^a prison sentence if found guilty of kicking the officer. He denies the charge. Real Betis are presently 15 places higher than Seville in the Spanish League. and 21 points ahead.

Just for kicks

Busst

facing a

year out

of action

David Busst will face at least a year out of football before he can begin the battle to rebuild his career in the wake of the Old

Trafford incident that saw his

right leg shattered.
The Coventry City defender

underwent an initial operation

on Monday evening at Hope

Hospital, Salford, and faces

more surgery today on the hor-

rific mjury that halted Monday's

Premiership match against

Manchester United for nine

Orthopaedic Surgeon at Hope

Hospital, was optimistic that

Busst would make a full recov-

would be slow. "I would say if

will take a minimum of three

months for the fracture to heat

and it could be six," Ross said.

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Raymond Ross, Consultant

Football

Brittle dares leading clubs to break away

Rugby Union STEVE BALE

English rugby's governing body yesterday called the bluff of its leading clubs and, in effect. dared them to carry out their threat - eight months after rugby union went open - of hreaking away to form a rival, professional organisation which would pay for itself from the broadcasting and sponsorship of its own rebel competitions.

The Rugby Football Union in the person of Cliff Brittle, chairman of its executive committee, justifying himself after a week of personalised vilification - dramanically laid down the law at Twickenham by insisting that it would remain in total charge of administering rugby and the monies coming into the game.

The union's atutude of "thus far, no further" also extends to its plans for next season's competitions. Contrary to the stated wish of the clubs, there will be relegation as originally planned from the First Division of the Courage Championship. This means West Hartlepool are already down, with Gloucester

or Saracens likely to join them. Brittle confirmed that this season's first four First Division clubs would be entered into the European Cup, the remaining six into an Anglo-Welsh competition. The clubs had wanted wider European and crossborder involvement and a reduction from 18 to 11 domestic

reduced to a non-voting share.

matic right of access.

an open/professional game.

1 Distribution of TV rights and sponsorship.

lpating clubs.

The union's determination to maintain an intermediate representative level hetween cluh and country means there will still he divisional rugby - although not a Divisional Championship - next autumn when London, the Midlands, North and South-West will play Argen-tina, the Junior Springboks and

All of this is anothema to the

Oueensland.

clubs, who want to run and finance themselves and now have to put up or shut up. There will be no formal response until after a meeting tomorrow, hut last night a spokesman for English Profes-sional Rugby Clubs, the um-hrella body for the First and Second Divisions, said: "Given the complete lack of willingness beforehand by Brittle to negotiate it was entirely expected. He is playing a very dangerous

for competitions supported by television are in place, to be disclosed as soon as a hreakaway is declared. Yesterday the RFÜ insisted that all broadcasters had pledged to deal only with it, but either way there is great scepticism at Twickenham that clubs will be able to afford the contracts to which they are already

committing themselves. "We are talking about the soul of the game," Malcolm Phillips, a former England centre from Lancashire who sits

The Twickenham battle lines

English Professional Rugby Union Clubs (EPRUC) have submitted

12 draft principles to the Rugby Football Union. Yesterday, the RFU announced an outright refusal to negotiate on three.

1 That all monles raised from competitions be paid to partic-

2 That payments to representative players be made through EPRUC.

3 That an independent body be established to run the professional

The RFU vesterday announced it would negotiate on eight of

the remaining nine points, the ninth being to note that the "golden" share in EPRUC originally offered to the RFU had been

2 A success fee for clubs participating in knock-out competi-

3 Conditions to be placed by the union on relevant monies raised.

4 Explore together one contract for players with the union re-

5 Playing of major games at Twickenham, but without auto-

6 Reorganisation and reform of the RFU so as to administer

7 A structured season having regard to international and rep-

taining primacy of availability for representative rugby.

fixtures, with a 12-team First with Brittle on the RFU's nego-Division playing each other tiating panel, said yesterday. "If we get this one wrong, we are into some pretty horrid scenarios. In soccer the clubs dictate to the union. In rugby league they can't meet their wage bills so they sell out to

> They are two scenarios that could hefall us if we are not careful. Neither the union nor the clubs have the money to fund the open game at the moment. People are making promises they cannot keep and people are going to suffer. The players will suffer from hroken contracts. The clubs will go

Murdoch.

The clubs' alternative view is that the means of avoiding such an eventuality is for them autonomously to control their own destiny. But any RFU sympathy for this view evaporated when Sir John Hall of Newcastle United - and latterly Newcastle RFC-suggested that the England team would be no more than an optional extra under the new dispensation.

"We are welcoming some wealthy individuals into the game who are used to getting their own way and whose motivations and experience in this me are not the same as ours," Brittle said. To which Don Rutherford, the Geordie who has been the RFU's technical director for 26 years, added: "The arrival of a new man on the block with charismatic qualities seems to have confused the minds of many League One and Two club officials.

The newcomer is Sir John Hall and I suppose it is inevitable that he should wish to compare rugby with soccer; the latter is his main sporting experience. This is a dangerous assumption as England soccer is ranked 23 in the world while England rugby is in the top

The gap seems unbridgable. We've tried for the last three months to be in a placatory negotiating situation with the Rugby Union," Mike Coley, Gloucester's chief executive, said yesterday. "They have totally ignored the majority of what we've been trying to do and have come up and said: We're in charge, do as you're

"It is only right that we have the television rights and spon-sorship monies from those competitions in which we play. If we are going to have a professional game we have to have the money to pay the professional game. No club in England has that money without the television rights and sponsorship. Game on the brink, page 23

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Norman eyes new jacket

TIM GLOVER

Every year Greg Norman has a cruel reminder that what is missing from his wardrobe is a green jacket. The winners of the Masters not only get their own bespoke hlazer but exclusive use of the champions' locker room. and poor old Norman has to change with the mere mortals. Yesterday he tried to make light of the one that got away.

Norman was asked how many Masters he could have won had he had the rub of the green. "I don't think like that." he said. "I have been lucky in other things. It is not cast in stone that I have to win the Masters. 1 bet that there are some things that I've done that people who have won the Masters would like to do. I'm still chasing the clusive rainbow. My ca-

reer's not over vet." In fact, Norman firmly believes he will get better with age. My hest golf will come in the forties." he said. "My life gets better the older 1 get. You learn so much as time goes by." Norman is 41 and he has just played the worst golf of his career, missing two cuts in succession. "I'm not concerned about that," he said. "I didn't enjoy doing it hut it might be a hlessing in disguise. I dm't worry about the past."

Asked what had suddenly one wrong with his game, Norman replied: "My head. Certain things are meant to happen. They even out in the long run. It was just one of those weird things. It just disap-peared." He said that on a scale of 10, he would currently register seven. "Missing those cuts might just tweak my men-

tal approach. No other tourna- said. "I'm getting more com- two cuts in a row. I'm more ment generates such a feeling. fortable with these conditions and suprised when someone misses. This is pure golf. No corporate I'd like to think I'm ready for this five in a row, is a sixth alternate boxes, no tented village, perfect conditions."

Norman, the world No 1 and the dominant force in the game for a decade, had won only two major championships, the Open at Turnberry in 1986 and again at Royal St George's, Sandwich. in 1993. Despite his victory he has no soft spot for the Kent is not my favourite place. There are too many hlind shots."

Nick Faldo, once the world No 1 and now down to eighth. has enjoyed the rub of the green at Augusta National, winning the Masters in play-offs in 1989 and 1990. "My desire is always the same with the majors," Faldosaid. "I've been planning for this for six months. Experience will pay dividends. You need to know what you're doing, know your routes and know when to play aggressively and defensively. I've been playing nicely for the past couple of months and have just been waiting for something to hap-pen... or waiting for this week."

Both Norman and Faldo believe the greens at Augusta National, traditionally almost as fast as lightning, will be at their quickest than for some years. Faldo reckons that on the stimpmeter, the device that measures the speed of the greens, the reading will be 13. In golf terms that's around Mach 1. "That's just the uphill ones," Faldo said. You've just got to steer the ball into the flat spots, two-putt and get out of there.

Faldo left the European Tour for the greener grass of America 15 months ago. Week in. week out you're playing in good conditions with great facilities, and the weather helps," Faldo

week. This will be the severest and then wins a tournament. If test of nerve in golf. It becomes a guy is off his game for five the feel factor. You can't just blast minutes he's off. I'm sure Norin, miss a green and get up and man is going to be a major condown. You can't do that here. If tender this week. you're nervous and under presnot need reminding that the sure you've still got to hit great

shots all the time. And you've got to be putting well." Faldo is having treatment to - and even Sandy Lyle - will be shoulder but says it is not caus- changing in the champions' links. "I played great golf but it a shoulder but says it is not causing him a problem. "I had a. spasm and it took me a couple of days to work it out," he said. "I have warm-up rubs every morning and it's fine. As long as I'm fit and strong I have another seven or eight years with a realistic chance of winning the

Masters. I'm sure someone in their fifties could win here. [1] bet Jack believes he can win." Jack Nicklaus, who is 56, won the last of his six Masters titles in 1986 when Norman was ioint runner-up. On Sunday he won the Tradition tournament on the seniors tour in Phoenix. "Jack will be a contender," Faldo said, "because he wants to

Faldo also thought that his Ryder Cup partner, Colin Montgomerie, will have a good tournament. "He's playing very well from tee to green and it will come down to how well he putts. I think he's got it. He has the desire and he wants to play well in every tournament be enters. That's a very difficult thing to do. People don't give guys enough credit for playing well week in, week out and being on

the leaderboard all the time."
When somebody mentioned Norman and the missed cuts, Faldo said: "Write him off quick. I think that's the end of him, really. He's gone. I'm not suprised that somebody misses

"I don't think he will be back in football before 12 months." Ross has consulted the High-field Road club's surgeon, John Aldridge, about Busst and it has Alorioge, about Busst and it has been agreed that he will stay in Hope Hospital, where a nail will be inserted in the bone early next week. "He has been under observation and the leg is looking good," added Mr Ross. "He suffered an open fracture of the right tibia and we have applied an external fixator to hold the fracture and cleaned the wound.

> I am optimistic the fracture will heal spontaneously."
> Even if Busst maintains his recovery schedule, he will be approaching his 30th birthday when ready to return a year from now. Coventry, however, have firmly dismissed reports claiming that his career is over. Their secretary, Graham Hover, said yesterday: "He is a strong individual. For people to write him off at this stage is

Although it is a serious injury,

quite ridiculous." The Liverpool utility player, Steve Harkness, who hroke his leg playing against Coventry, could be back in action sooner than expected. Harkness suffered a double fracture in the: defeat at Highfield Road on Saturday. Original estimates were set at nine months for a full recovery but his manager, Roy Evans, said: "The leg has been pinned and it looks to be a successful joh. The signs are that it looks a nice, neat job and it

might not be long. Arsenal are set to finalise the £1.3m signing of the French internatiuonal left-back, Bixente Lizarazu, later this week. The Gunners want Lizarazu to sign a pre-contract which will allow him stay with Bordeaux as they altempt to win the Uefa Cup.

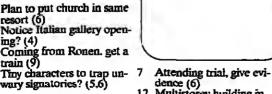
Keegan's pride, page 23

8 Explore the possibility of renegotiating sponsorship agreements as and when existing contracts allow.

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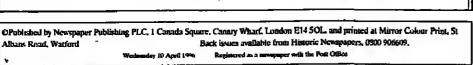
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DUNCAN HOOPER

When lain McKinney hroke the world record for the longest scoring baskethall shot, the 23-year-old university post-graduate who plays for the Sheffield Sharks thought he had beaten one of the sport's greatest names - Magic John-

The 6ft lin McKinney dropped his shot in the basket from 90 feet 63 in at Ponds Forge on Monday and the event sponsors, Sony, claimed he had smashed a record set by John-

by four and a half inches. "I don't think so," the Lakers okesman, Matthew Fleer, said. "If Magic had ever scored from over 90 feet, we'd remember it. Jerry West scored from 60 feet

in a play-off game in the '60s, but that's the longest by a Lakers player."
McKinney will go in the Pennsylvania high school player who set the previous record

Guinness Book of Records - but ousting Christopher Eddy, a in 1989, does not have the same huzz as blocking Magic Johnson.

ing from 86 feet to beat Anthony Hylton's 77ft mark at Hemel Hempstead, on an earlier stop on Sony's UK tour to promote their

NBA computer game. McKinney said: "It was incredible enough when the first one went in. Team-mate Chris Finch told me to have another go for the world record, but I told him lightning doesn't strike twice."

Unfortunately McKinney has no record of his glory. Incredibly for one of the world's communication giants, Sony did McKinney's shot was hardly a not have so much as a hand-held camcorder at the event.

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